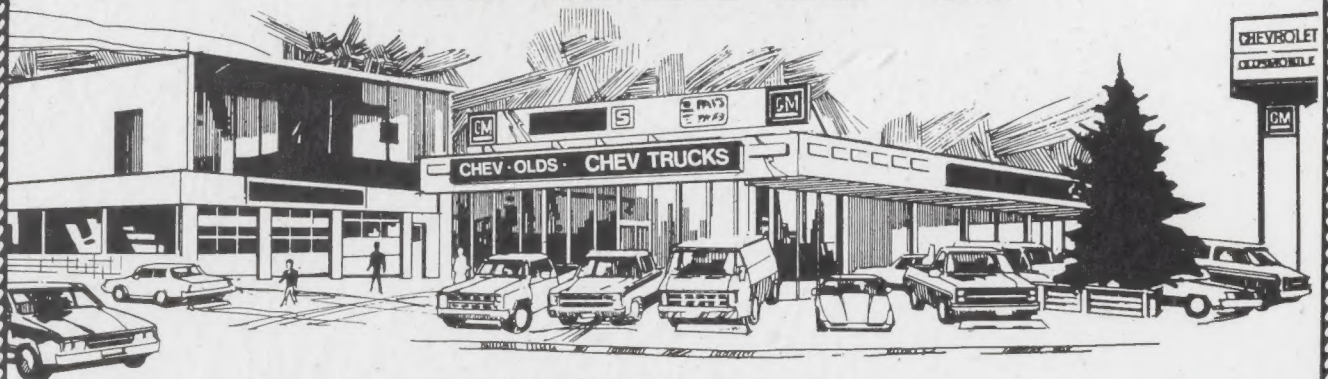


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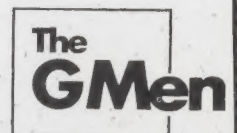


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The Countess Mountbatten of Burma,CD,JP,DL

I am especially looking forward to my Regimental visit to Canada next year, because unfortunately this year it did not prove possible to fit suitable dates for a visit into the busy Regimental program as well as my other commitments.

I think this is only the second year I have not visited my Patricias since becoming Colonel-In-Chief in 1974. Luckily, some years I have been able to make two Regimental visits to both Canada and Europe however, I never feel out of touch with you all, through letters from the Commanding Officers with news of all the Battalion doings, and also through individual letters and personal contacts. We also have a yearly reunion in London when the United Kingdom Association holds an annual dinner, in much the same way as the Association does in Canada and other countries. In this way our Regimental family ties remain strong.

As we look forward to celebrating our historic 75th anniversary together in Canada next year, I send all my very best wishes to you and your families.

COLONEL-OF-THE-REGIMENT

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



BRIGADIER-GENERAL R.S. GRAHAM, CD

We are now nicely into our Anniversary Year and indeed some of the many celebration events are already behind us. Most of the larger events, however, are still to be held. It is most gratifying to see the favourable response from across the country and, indeed, from outside, to the Reunion arrangements. Many old Patricias whom we had lost track of have surfaced requesting reservations. This looks well for a bang-up get together of those who have served the Regiment so well over the years.

Similarly, the plans for the new Museum are progressing well with the necessary funding now in place. Individual and Association Branch requests to purchase some part of the Memorial displays are also a heartwarming and encouraging response. This is particularly so for all those who have worked so diligently to see the fragile and hopeful plans of just a few years ago now approaching fruition. At the time of the dedication of the Museum in August, I am sure there will be plenty of evidence to convince you all that this is going to be a first-class operation and one of which we will all be proud.

By the time the Patrician reaches you I will have seen all working components of the Regiment in their various places of duty, at home and abroad. I can truthfully say that I have been very proud to have participated in the numerous ceremonial events and to have been able to bask in the reflected glory which flowed from the many accolades handed down, through me to you, from those in higher authority or just old friends. These very complimentary comments were justly earned and each of you can be proud to have represented our Regiment in true Patricia style and standard of excellence.

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LIEUTENANT-GENERAL A.J.G.D. de CHASTELAIN, CMM, OstJ, CD

Lieutenant-General de Chastelain was born on 30 July, 1937 in Bucharest, Romania.

He began his military career as a cadet in 1950 in the Combined Cadet Force of the British Army, in Edinburgh, Scotland. In 1955 he moved to Canada and joined the Canadian Army as a private soldier (Piper) in the Calgary Highlanders. In 1956, he attended the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario under the ROTP. In 1960, upon graduation with a Bachelor of Arts degree, he was commissioned as a Lieutenant and posted to the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) in Edmonton where he served as a Platoon Commander and Intelligence Officer.

Promoted Captain in 1962, he was appointed aide-de-camp to the Chief of General Staff at Army Headquarters, Ottawa until 1964. He was then posted to 1st Battalion PPCLI at Hemer, West Germany where he served as a Company Commander. In October 1965, he was selected to attend the Camberley Staff College in England and on completion of the course he was promoted to the rank of Major in January 1967.



Back in Canada he served as Officer Commanding a Rifle Company and subsequently the Support Company of 1 PPCLI in Edmonton. He also served a six month tour with his unit in Cyprus with the United Nations Force. In October 1968 he was appointed Brigade Major, 1 Combat Group in Calgary.

He was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel in January 1970, and appointed Commanding Officer of 2 PPCLI stationed in Winnipeg in July of that year. In 1972, he attended the Federal Bilingual and bicultural Development Program at Universite Laval in Quebec City. In June 1973 he was appointed Senior Staff Officer at Quartier General District No. 3 du Quebec (Milice) in Quebec City.

He was promoted Colonel in June 1974 to command La Base des Forces Canadiennes Montreal, and upon the completion of the Olympic Games, in 1976, he assumed the duties of Deputy Chief of Staff at Headquarters, United Nations Forces in Cyprus, and as Commander of the Canadian Contingent.

Promoted Brigadier-General on 1 July 1977, he was appointed Commandant of the Royal Military College of Canada at Kingston, Ont.

He then moved back to West Germany to assume command of the 4th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group on 1 July 1980.

In July 1982, he was posted to National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa as Director General Land Doctrine and Operations.

Promoted Major-General 1 June 1983, he moved to St. Hubert, Quebec where he became the Deputy Commander of Mobile Command. In July 1986, he was promoted to his current rank and assumed the appointment of Assistant Deputy Minister (Personnel) at National Defence Headquarters. In August 1988, Lieutenant-General de Chastelain assumed the appointment of Vice Chief of Defence Staff.

PRESIDENT OF THE REGIMENTAL GUARD

BRIGADIER-GENERAL G.M. REAY, MBE, CD



Brigadier-General Reay entered Royal Military College in September 1961, graduating four years later in May 1965. On commissioning, he joined 2 PPCLI and served in various appointments including Platoon Commander, Company Second-in-Command and Adjutant in both Edmonton and Germany. Upon returning to Canada in 1969, he served on staff at Mobile Command Headquarters prior to attending the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College in 1971/72. Upon graduation, he returned to 2 PPCLI where he held the appointment of Operations Officer and Company Commander. In 1975, he was posted to Headquarters, 1 British Corps in Germany, as GS02 Operations and was awarded the MBE for his service while in that appointment. Returning to Canada in 1977, he assumed the responsibility of the Senior Staff Officer Operations at Headquarters, 1 Combat Group, a position he relinquished on 4 July 1979 to take command of the First Battalion PPCLI. In July 1981, Brigadier-General Reay was promoted to the rank of Colonel and transferred to National Defence Headquarters to assume duties with Director Military Manpower Distribution. In June 1983, Colonel Reay was posted as a Special Assistant to the Assistant Deputy Minister (Personnel) office at National Defence Headquarters where he remained until promoted to his present rank in July 1985. On promotion, Brigadier-General Reay attended the National Defence College. In June 1986, he was seconded to the Privy-Council. Brigadier-General Reay was appointed Commander of 1 Canadian Brigade Group in Calgary on 28 July 1987.

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LIEUTENANT-COLONEL VINCENT W. KENNEDY, CD



Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy began his military career in the Canadian Army (Militia) in 1964 with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. He joined the Regular component in 1967. Having attended Royal Roads and the Royal Military College, he graduated in 1971 with a Bachelor degree in International Studies and was commissioned into Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He served as a subaltern in 3 PPCLI, Esquimalt, BC, and 3 Canadian Mechanized Commando, Germany, and as the Adjutant at the Infantry School, Combat Training Centre, Gagetown, NB in 1978. He also attended the CLFCSC in Kingston and the British Combat Team Commander's Course in the United Kingdom.

In 1979 Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy took command of A Company, 3rd Battalion, Royal Green Jackets, in Oakington, United Kingdom, where he was promoted to Major and went to Cyprus in 1980 as part of the British contingent in UNFICYP. He returned to Canada in 1981 to the CFCSC, Toronto.

In 1982 he commanded B Company, 2 PPCLI which included another tour in Cyprus, 1982-83, and then Administration Company. When the Battalion departed for Germany he produced and directed the farewell tattoo to Winnipeg and Manitoba. In 1985 he was promoted to his present rank and assumed the duties of Senior Staff Officer Individual Training at Mobile Command Headquarters.

Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy was subsequently posted to the Army Staff College, Fort Frontenac, Kingston in 1986 as a member of the Directing Staff, a position he relinquished to take command of the 1st Battalion on 15 July 1987.

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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT PPCLI ASSOCIATION

Fellow Patricias

Yet another year comes to a close and we draw nearer to the celebration of the Regiment's 75th Anniversary in 1989. I am pleased to report to the serving members of the Regiment that the PPCLI Association continues to grow with many branches reporting significant increases in their membership, influenced, no doubt, by the forthcoming anniversary celebrations and the national reunion in Calgary in August.

I am also most pleased to report that the Association, at their annual general meeting in Ottawa in May 1988, approved a special 75th Anniversary Project to create a Memorial Hall of Honour to pay tribute to the Regiment's war dead. The Memorial Hall of Honour, which will be located in the Museum of the Regiments, due to open in 1990, will provide a special place of reverence and dignity, a place to quietly reflect on the terrible cost of war and a place for all Patricias to pause to remember those who have gone before.

Financing for this project is taking the form of sponsorship by individuals and association branches of various component parts of the Memorial, and to date the response has been most gratifying. Contributions, no matter how small, are always welcome and may be made through the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund to Regimental Headquarters or to your local Association Branch.

With respect to the National Reunion in Calgary, we expect a large turnout of present Association members and based on the number of inquiries to the 75th Anniversary office, there could be several hundred others returning to the fold. The year 1989 hold much promise for an anniversary to be remembered.

R.M. Middleton
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 - (2) for all Patricias on honourable retirement, remuster or release from and inclusive nine to nineteen years of service his choice of a 4 1/2' pewter statuette of a 'Modern Day PPCLI Soldier', 'PPCLI Drummer Boy' or 'WW1 Soldier' suitably engraved and a Regimental Certificate of Service, (RHQ to action), and
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Paid up members are eligible for Regimental Achievement Awards for individual accomplishments within those categories described in Chapter 7 of the Regimental Manual (AL 1/84). Units of the Regiment process and action subparagraph c(1) above. In order that RHQ might action subparagraphs c(2) and c(3) it is imperative that units and Regimental Representatives advise RHQ of Patricias retiring or remustering and provide the individual's particulars i.e., name, rank, initials, decorations, enrolment date, retirement/ release/remuster date, and address on retirement/release/ remuster.

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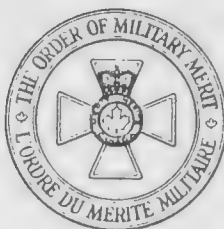
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ON BEING A REINFORCEMENT or 'In Search of a Home'

It is now approaching fifty years since the start of WWII and I cannot recall ever reading anything about what it was like to be a 'reinforcement'. Perhaps it has been done and I have missed it. Many books of war experiences are coming out these days and I can't afford to buy them all. But, it seems to me that when books refer to 're' they are usually talking numbers only—'live bodies' was the military term. Even the phrase 'live bodies' illustrates the complete staff unconcern for those live bodies as individuals with feelings and memories.

For a civilian, joining the Army is such a complete and utter reverse of anything that was known before. Myself, I thought I knew something of military life because I was in a Militia artillery outfit since the age of fifteen, then the COTC in University. Right away I found out that those two outfits were kindergarten. I was now in the Big League!

In 1942 there were two Officer Training Centers (OTC) in Canada. One in Brockville and one in Gordonhead (on Vancouver Island). As I joined in Toronto I naturally expected to be sent to Brockville. As a matter of fact, I had not yet heard of Gordonhead when I reported back to Stanley Barracks to be told we were all going to Gordonhead. Five days on a train, good meals, good companions—Army life seemed all right, and we did get a buck I think. Brockville, we had heard, was a tough place where they tried to break you mentally or physically or both. Gordonhead was the opposite; you were treated firmly all right, but fairly and the only ones RTU'd (Returned To Unit) deserved it and wondered what some were ever doing there in the first place. Also, weather at Gordonhead was superior. We wore spats and putties into November. Then the rains began. The final month of Engineer training was a breeze. We were back in our element after all that Infantry stuff the first two months.

But now the trouble starts with being a reinforcement. There are (or were) two Engineer Training Centers then; Chilliwack and Petawawa. Half of our class went to Chilliwack and we never saw them again. The rest of us travelled east to Petawawa. After three months we got our 'second pip' i.e. became First Lieutenants and were considered fully trained in Military Engineering. Now the group really started to split; some older men got jobs as Works Engineers in places like Prince Rupert or Newfoundland or whatever. I sure didn't want that. Others got jobs as instructors in the Training Center—I didn't want that either. What did happen was some two and a half months with the so-called Trained Soldiers Company, then off on a draft for overseas. Then the boredom began.

You see, I don't get overseas—at least not right away. Our draft reached a Transit Camp in Windsor, N.S. Soon the sappers continued overseas but officers stayed behind. Weeks became months and we were still there. Officers without men can't fulfil their function and we were a bored lot. The camp staff didn't care what we did as long as we kept out of their way. There was no training syllabus as such. There was an Acting Captain in charge and each morning we would march out the gate and down the road to a water-filled quarry where we swam and sunbathed until lunch time

then marched back. The training syllabus said 'Route March' or 'Group Recce'. If it rained we stayed home and the syllabus said 'Map Reading' or 'Engineering Calculations'. No one checked or cared. Around this time I developed a hernia (from improvised bridging at Petawawa) so I got that fixed (one month in Halifax Military Hospital plus six weeks convalescence leave with my wife in Toronto) and finally sent overseas in late November 1943.

So I'm finally in England, having been in the Army 14 months; six months training and the rest was just time spent. Now I'm at the CERU (Canadian Engineering Reinforcement Unit) near Cove, Aldershot Area. One thing is soon apparent—they have more Junior Officers than they know what to do with. But we do train quite a bit. There was a motorcycle course which I enjoyed and we built Bailey bridges across the Thames so many times we know all the practical sites from memory and no matter which job you drew for the exercise it was a piece of cake. Soon it all got boring, trips to London weren't much fun, there was nothing to eat or drink and you could guarantee if you hit it off with someone, immediately one or the other would leave.

After the New Year I finally got a big break, I thought. A posting to 16th Field Coy (3rd Div), but not TOS (Taken On Strength). I was special increment, which means you are with the unit, wear their badges, etc., but only for three months training usually, then back to CERU. At least I had a platoon of sappers for a time and we were busy training ourselves and others for the coming invasion. It was the best time I had had to date. We prepared fake defence works on a beach near Boarnemouth for Infantry etc. to land on. We built a HQ camp north of Southampton for 3 Div—had to do it in ten days. That was hard work but fun. Then I got orders to go to 18th Field Coy and I never saw the 16th gang again. By this time we are in the D Day Concentration Area and soon it was the same thing again. I was ordered to report to the CBRG (Canadian Base Reinforcement Group), a tent camp called Crookhorn X-Rds. Only a few English officers were there, we knew invasion was imminent and I thought my troubles were over, that I would go to France (or wherever) with the CBRG and as soon as they needed me I would have a job. Meanwhile I instructed Infantry in demolitions and time passed.

One day in late May I was detailed to proceed with 50 sappers to the 1st Cdn Workshop Coy at Oxshott, just outside London. The job was to help them pull up stakes and get ready to move to France. They had been there over three years and had 'taken root' so well it took three weeks to pry everything loose. During that time 'D' Day took place (June 6/44) and my friends of the 16th and 18th were in Normandy*. I'll soon be with them, I thought.

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But it was not to be. With the Workshop job finished, I returned to the CFRB site to find that unit had gone to Normandy and I was ordered to report to 2 CBRG a few miles away. (I cannot recall the name of the place now but it sure doesn't matter) It seems to me these were all Engineer types—anyway we were back to training, concentrating on Infantry stuff which the sappers seemed to have missed altogether. About the only thing I recall of this period was a day when we were all to fire at the rifle range. Transport was limited, so we would march one way and ride the other. Our group would march down and ride back. It was seven or eight miles by road on a somewhat circular route. We marched down, took our turn firing, turned in targets, had lunch and it was only noon. Our transport was not scheduled to pick us up until after four P.M.. I had looked at the map and it was less than four miles to camp cross country. I told my Sgt we would walk back. There was some grumbling as we started out but I made them spread out by sections, Infantry style and they soon settled down. The day was fine and it was easy going on the country trails we followed, compared to the paved roads we had traversed that morning. Near the camp I led them into a fairly deep ravine which bordered the camp. This I had recce'd before as I'd always been curious about my surroundings; but I'm sure they all thought their 'dumb looie' was lost. I'll admit to being somewhat relieved myself when we scrambled up the steep side of the ravine—and there was the back door of the Platoon hut not 40 feet away! And it was not yet two o'clock. They were done for the day and could sleep, go to town or whatever. Time to oneself, free of orders, is something precious to every private soldier. The story got to the Camp Commandant who queried me the next time I was Orderly Officer. I simply told him that I had decided to include a map-reading and compass march exercise instead of a truck ride, in the days training. He indicated approval, so the incident was closed.

Aside from that one incident, I remember very little about this period, not even its length. All I now know is it came to an end in early July with orders for this whole outfit to disband and return to CERU. That was like a death sentence to me. Back to CERU to build the same bridges again, put up with the same chicken bunch of staff, some of them I had trained with, holding it over me because they had a job and I didn't. CERU was so full of officers I had bunk at the Signals RU, ¾ of a mile away. To make matters worse, one of my roommates got a job with a forward airfield building outfit in Normandy—just because he was a soils expert! Another got a job with the Americans in the South Pacific, of all things, because he was a volcanic expert in geology. He took off for Hawaii the same day.

So you can imagine my frame of mind when all Lieutenants were paraded, told that the infantry were short of officers and we could volunteer for transfer. Finally, someone in the Army was saying they needed me—it took about ten seconds for me to decide. I stepped forward, along with perhaps 30 other 'live bodies'! We were gone the next morning to a training area near Steyning, west of Brighton, on the South Downs. Getting off the trucks, we were ordered to 'double' (nowadays this would be called jogging). So we doubled, for the next six weeks, getting in beautiful shape physically—and learning infantry tactics the best way, by doing. Left flanking, right flanking, fire and movement,

armour co-op, etc., etc.

All of our instructors had been to Normandy, and picked up a slight wound perhaps. The talk was of the wheat fields around Caen, the murderous German 88mm gun, German tactics (where is that 4th section? Our Platoon had three sections, theirs' had four). That fourth section was apt to be the surprise element of their counter-attacks; there would always be a counter-attack. It was all very good advice, we felt we were getting the real up-to-date goods—for Normandy.

We finished our six weeks Battle Training, and then ten days leave. Three of us went to Edinburgh and had a great time. Weather (now its September) was unusually bright and the Scots were always well disposed towards Canadians. A real nice interlude, then back to Aldershot.

On arrival we were greeted with the expected warning order, 'get ready to move'. No destination given, of course, but we all knew we are going to Normandy. Didn't we all volunteer to join the greatest invasion in history—and, incidentally, find a home? By now I have been on active service, as they call it, for more than two years. Trained a lot, travelled a lot, met a lot of people, but had no home; which was what I wanted most!

At any rate, we were loaded on a train one night and daylight found us in Scotland—Greenock to be exact. Then loaded onto a large troop transport and out into the Irish Sea. Still we didn't find anything unusual. We must be landing at Cherbourg, we thought, or transferring to landing craft 'over there'. By the third day though, when we were still ploughing south and in a fairly large convoy—we were starting to wonder just where we were headed? So finally it comes out, just how I don't remember, but we're not going to Normandy and the great invasion at all. We are going to Italy! Yes, Italy. Never mentioned once since that fateful day in CERU. The good old Army has done it to me again! First the Gordonhead bomb shell and now this. Well, I think, I'll never find a home in 3rd Div now and so much for all the friends I made there because I'll never see them again. I never did either. People are so resilient and adaptable, especially young people. Soon the whole ship was buzzing with talk about 'this unit' and 'that unit' in the 1st and 5th Divisions. My mind was made up as soon as I recalled that 1 Division contained the 'Pats' (PPCLI or to spell it out, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry). Some of my friends in Brandon had joined up after High School, there being no jobs to go to. Osborne Barracks in Winnipeg was their home base, they were Westerners, like me. Surely I could find a home with them. While still well out from Naples, we were told we could choose any unit we liked. For one ex-Engineer, who was Jewish, there was only one choice—The Irish Regt. Now I can only recall around three of us going to the PPCLI, all Westerners

On arrival at the Reinforcement Depot in Avellino (just out of Naples), formalities were brief. We were made to feel needed and could put up the badges for our chosen units. Immediately I had a job training in mines and demolitions. Seemed as an ex-Engineer I would always draw that job.

But how the time slipped by! I remember a Remembrance Day parade in Avellino, so we were still there November 11, 1944. Soon after I was on a draft, travelling north by truck convoy, more than 700 miles. Rome, Sienna, Florence, then over the mountain and finally into the CBRG in Fano on the Adriatic coast.

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••• This place is Windsor, N.S. all over again. No training, no transport so we can't go far—we just wander around the country side, looking over the old battlefields and trying to piece the action together. Christmas comes and, for the third time, I take part in the old Army tradition of officers serving Christmas dinner to the private soldiers. I had done this in Petawawa Camp, CERU in England and now, Fano, Italy. This might be a meaningful thing in a unit where the men were yours, but in this 'live bodies' holding tank, it falls flat.

Two days after Christmas we three PPCLI reinforcements are transported to B Echelon, PPCLI at Cattolica (near Riccione). That day I am TOS (Taken on Strength). I belong to the PPCLI! After twenty-seven months of training, travelling, frustration and boredom, I HAVE A HOME!



PPCLI veterans pose with CO and RSM at the Men's Christmas Dinner

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THE FIRST BATTALION

Another busy year has rolled past to join so many others in our memories. This was a particularly hectic one, as the other major units in 1 CBG were tasked out we took up the slack. All of the experiences of the battalion cannot possibly be covered completely here, but the highlights are touched upon.

We said farewell to the DCO, Maj MacKeown, and to RSM Smiley during the summer. Our thoughts went out to people like Maj Blekaitis, now an observer in Iran-Iraq. As usual, many members were away for long periods of time on tasking or on course. The year started with a dismounted winter exercise in Wainwright; Ex Nordic Strike. This proved to be an excellent refresher in the basics of winter operations. We also conducted trials on several types of trenches, adopting the split hairpin. Immediately upon return to Calgary, we started preparations for the Winter Olympics. The battalion was on standby in case of emergency, but fortunately nothing happened. Combat Support Company was inspected by the Chief of the Defence Staff while on standby and demonstrated our readiness.

The Primary Combat Function courses came next. The battalion ran a wide variety of courses ranging from Anti-Armour to Small Arms Coach. This training keeps the battalion supplied with personnel qualified to perform the many tasks we must be able to do. Preparation for WAINCON 88 came next, with Adm Company fixing vehicles and equipment while the rest of us honed our skills. In mid-April, we were off to the wilds of Wainwright for the varied training in which we were to engage. After a busy exercise, we were back to Calgary for a couple of weeks to prepare for Suffield and Exercise Prairie Viper. That two week live fire session was extraordinarily good training in spite of difficulties we encountered with vehicles.



CWO Smiley hands over the battalion to RSM Ritchie

The summer found us covering most of the Brigade's varied taskings. Our drivers were even seen behind the wheel of Cougars... While we conducted the Brigade Small Arms Competition, and participated in Milcon and NRQS supporting the militia, and everything else, block leave was given in several stages. A team of mountain climbers scaled Mount Corbould, the first of four such climbs. They were the first ever to reach the top of that mountain. Fall went by rapidly, with the Primary Combat Function Courses being run again, and with a trip to Dundurn, Saskatchewan for a Battalion Battle School. The French Grey Cup was fought for again, in a fierce battle.

Finally, we wrapped up the year with the traditional Men's Christmas Dinner.

What follows is a view of the battalion from the eyes of our Transport Officer, Lt Greg Goode, a "temporary" Patricia. He is a Logistics Officer fresh out of training. His outlook proves to be rather interesting.



ADM COY—JANUARY—JUNE 88

by Lt G. Goode/Capt Vanderveer

As most people were putting away their Christmas decorations and gearing up for the Olympics, 1 PPCLI was off to NORDIC STRIKE—a dismounted winter exercise. I was thinking, great, I am going to be staying in the wilds of Wainwright and actually rough it. Upon arrival the Adm Staff was put up in barracks. One and one half weeks of free room and board with numerous social gatherings at night.

For the most part, the exercise was a success. LCol Kennedy reminded the troops that to some extent they were still a light infantry unit.

The thing I remember most was the human HIAB, Maj Blekaitis, digging out his bunker while Capt Southern and MWO Woodley shivered and supervised.

After ten days or so on the snow Prairie, it was back to camp for a night of fun and frolicking. It was hard to imagine daring senior NCOs finding their way through a snowy wasteland when they couldn't even find their rooms at night's end.

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An old soldier, Sgt Munn speaks with the Chief of the Defence Staff during Cbt Sp Coy's tour as Vanguard for the Winter Olympics.

Back in CFB Calgary, WO Smith and Cpl French were busy cleaning kit while everyone else was preparing for the annual OEIs, the time of year when every battalion finds out that their equipment is not 100% operational. Passing over this pain in the *3XB behind, the battalion looks forward to the upcoming WAINCON. It is mid-March and the entire battalion is scurrying around getting ready. With the rifle companies preparing for pretraining in Sarcee, Adm Coy prepares for the eventual move and set up of tent city.

The days pass and it is now the first week of April. Capt Vanderveer waits impatiently for brigade instructions. Lt Goode wonders if brigade is involved in this exercise. MWO Ebbett and Capt Zielinski wonder what we need 300 plus sections of modular tentage for. MWO Olson and Capt Allan say "We'll never fix all the vehicles in time"—although they do. Apparently, these are the typical reactions year after year but come deployment everything falls into place.

The road move goes fairly well although Capt Lewis' Porsche built AVGP takes the checkered flag at mid point with 1 Fd Amb a close second. He is the leader that day in the WAINCON rally. Much to the dismay of C Coy they are penalized by Adm Coy and 1 Fd Amb gets to Wainwright before them—better luck next year guys.

Finally in Wainwright, LCol Kennedy and Maj McKeown have many things planned for the next 20 days. There would be platoon attacks, coy attacks, live fire exercises, and a vast array of tactical situations to push the battalion to its limit.

The Adjt is to be congratulated on a successful M-72 range. Also to be congratulated is the battalion M-72 marksman—Padre McLean of Adm Coy.

Maj Loveridge came up with an excellent plan to take the place of the annual swim site testing. Company by company the battalion would cross Border Lake and assault Patricia Hill. Pioneer PI, lead by Lt Meikle (a.k.a Capt Meikle) and Sgt MacKinnon, put on a wonderful simulation of artillery support. WO Descoteaux and Tpt PI played enemy and routed the companies one by one. B Coy wins the tactician award for their approach to Border Lake. Capt Ferguson hid his company so well that MCpl Andrews and Capt Vanderveer spent one half hour looking for them to tell them they could cross the lake. LCol Kennedy was at lake side for most of the crossings and thoroughly enjoyed them except when the RSM suggested he not take off his shirt to sun himself.



Maint Pl site WAINCON 88

Maj McKeown has the respect of the entire battalion in his tireless quest for a smooth operation. He was a virtual workhorse who almost never let his fatigue show. Almost never . . . he wins the balance award for sleeping while in the turret of a moving AVGP.

WO Descoteaux, the Bn Tpt WO was quick to notice many of the discrepancies of other units. He was particularly peeved at the light observation helicopters flying too low; low enough for him to pop them out of the air with his rifle. He also deserved commendation for feeding the troops. Through his vast experience, he was wise enough to take fresh rations with him on the Brigade Ex. He kept garbage guts, Pte Murphy and Pte Knight's bellies full.

Adm Coy took on many roles during WAINCON 88. One such role was the co-location of C/S 8 and C/S 0. Although the radio trucks were to be manned by elements of both sub-units, this was not actually the case since Adm Coy bore the brunt of the burden. Lt McInnis and Lt Ferraby were glad since the co-location freed them to participate in the WAINCON fishing derby in the north western quadrant of the Wainwright Training Area.



A student on the Dvr Wheel course checks the oil on this MLVW

Maj Loveridge and Adm Coy took on an entirely new role during the Brigade Exercise. The battalion withdrew from their position, recce sited a hiding place for Battalion HQ behind Adm Coy. The sun rose the next morning and low an behold Maj Loveridge was now part of F Ech.

Maj McKeown, Maj Loveridge, and CSM Cabelgun developed severe ear aches the first day of the assault water crossing. The Padre's Iltis mysteriously disappeared and these three veteran soldiers bore the wrath of God for most of the day.

CQ Smitty was busy with staff duties for Adm Coy. He and his trusty sidekick, CSM Cabelguen took care of the many adm problems in Tent City. They made sure important things like latrines were dug deep enough.

Maj Loveridge gets the Greenpeace award for harboring Mrs. Mous's family in his tent. Capt Vanderveer receives the Military Censorship Award. He did not miss one movie screening in the Officers' Mess. Sometimes he screened movies two or three times to make sure they were fit for viewing.

DPs went fairly well with MCpl Labonte, Pte Foell, Pte Knight and Pte Brophy playing DP Commander. The only problem arose when 447 Sqn became our affiliate. On one particular DP as Transport PI went into a hide, MWO Ebbett

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saw an Air Force Corporal sitting in his truck while everyone else played sentry. The RQ queried as to why he wasn't on sentry and the Cpl began to laugh hysterically. We don't have to ask what happened next.

It is now May 8 and the battalion is getting ready for redeployment. Cbt Support, as in the brigade move, assembles and marshals in the wrong area. Lt McIntosh takes over from Capt Lewis and is clocked at a speed the TO didn't think his Lambourn-built AVGP could attain. Back in Calgary the routine starts over again. Getting ready for Suffield.

Sgt Burke would like to thank Capt Lewis, Lt Decoste, and C Company for adding a little spice to an otherwise mundane and thankless task of accident investigation. Suffield also changed the role of many TCVs with 35 of 43 AVGPs breaking down.

In all seriousness, much has been learned over the past six months. With all members of the battalion from the highest rank to the lowest rank making and learning from their mistakes, much has been learned and I believe the battalion as a whole has benefited greatly.

The past six months, I am sure, have been enjoyable for most and I relish the fact that we will be much better at our jobs come next year. It is wonderful to see the immense cooperation between Adm Coy and the other sub-units. Without this cooperation the battalion could not function. With such leaders as LCol Kennedy, Maj McKeown, Coy CSMs and OCs, to name but a few, it is not hard to see why this battalion is among the best in the CF.

The training year started with Exercise NORDIC STRIKE 88. This was a dismounted exercise in Wainwright, emphasizing basic infantry skills. Capt Dennis Simmons describes C Company's experiences. The reader can judge for himself whether or not C Company's tale is typical of the rest of the battalion.

EXERCISE NORDIC STRIKE

by Capt D. Simmons

This year's winter exercise "NORDIC STRIKE 88" was somewhat different from those of the past few years. We left our beloved Grizzlies behind and went footborne. Left behind also were all the comforts of home that we normally manage to pack into our faithful carriers. The stark realities of footborne warfare were quickly and readily thrust upon us. Although the Grizzly drivers and crew commanders were given a reprieve from the normal 10 hour road move up to Wainwright, we soon realized how much we depend on our vehicles.



"Take Five" Members of B Coy take a break during a "footborne" road move

Arriving at Battle Position 102 we discovered, to everyone's surprise that front end loaders do exist in the Canadian Forces. One was sitting in the middle of our future position. We were brusquely informed that the only reason this marvel was available to us was because we were participating in a trial of a new type of trench and we should not count on such luxuries as a rule. That night Pte Cooper and MCpl Wozinski accidentally discovered how quickly this marvel of technology could dig, by falling in a hole it had dug for the Company Command Post.

We put the finishing touches on the Old Homestead with surprising enthusiasm; due to the presence of the film crew that was on hand to immortalize the new trench design and its architects. We had not received our fresh rations at this time but it was incredible the number of hams to be seen during filming.



Home Sweet Home. A tent from A Coy is the only shelter available to this section

Once the position was completed, our attention turned to patrolling. Lt Steve Joudrey's patrol was the only patrol not to be ambushed by the enemy, either going to or returning from the objective. It was soon discovered that this incredible feat was accomplished by a shrewd and cunning tactic called "aimless wandering".

The days passed slowly but boredom was averted by numerous ingenious distractions. A Company headquarters, down in its notorious "Maxi Shelter" bunker, kept its spirits up by inventing an infamous game called "headbutting". The idea of the game was to see how hard you could hit your head on the ceiling of the bunker, which had gradually settled to a mere 5 feet 4 inches, while remaining conscious to tell about it. The ceiling took a lot of punishment from Lt Turco who became quite proficient at it, but the title eventually went to Company Sergeant Major Bailey. He hit his head so hard on one try that the medics had to be called in to referee. Eventually the bunker was declared a hard hat area, putting an end to the game but leaving the HQ staff with a lot of dented helmets. Having been outdone "headbutting" by the CSM, Lt Turco had to find a new source of notoriety. His quest ended during one "stand to" which found him running down a cutline to his trench and colliding with LCol Kennedy. According to the CO, "Mr Turco was running wildly, his parka half off, mukluks in hand and rifle dragging along behind him".

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"Give me back the ball!" Broom-i-loo Regimental Day

A highlight of the exercise was the live fire night defensive shoot. Although it was very cold, it was excellent practice in night shooting and fire control. Plentiful ammunition ensured that all ranks enjoyed themselves. The tank stalking range taught many people of all ranks important lessons on the use of ground.

The exercise was a great success. The First Battalion proved capable of operating effectively in extremes of climate that normally one would want to avoid.

After Nordic Strike the battalion went on standby during the Calgary Olympics. Fortunately, nothing untoward happened. Combat Support Company was, however, inspected by several dignitaries such as Comd Air Command and Comd FMC.

A busy Primary Combat Function course period followed, and then we prepared for WAINCON 88.

WAINCON 88

by Capt D.R.E. Bugeaud

On 16 April, the battalion deployed to Wainwright for a month of intensive training. We started with the basics, teams and sections in the attack. While this was going on, everyone not in a rifle section was busy setting up a variety of live fire ranges. First, all sections went through three ranges; an attack on a prepared position, an advance in open country, and advancing in close country using Small Arms Weapons Effects Simulators (SAWES). Combat Support Company spent this time building a platoon and a company level range. All members thoroughly enjoyed these ranges, and all went through without mishap. The only problem was a series of fires at the Combat Support Company ranges, but these merely changed their close country range to an open country range.



Members of A Coy dismount on the live fire section attack range.

The annual AVGP Swim test had a new twist this year. It took the form of an assault water crossing across Border Lake to attack Patricia Hill. Rehearsals took place in a small swampy, foul smelling pond, so everyone looked forward to the clean water of Border Lake. The Companies took turns at this and it proved to be successful. All vehicles that attempted to cross, did so, although some drivers and crew commanders were somewhat nervous as their carriers settled down to the turret ring in the middle of the lake. Finally, the battalion prepared for and deployed on the Brigade exercise, covering all phases of war. We had the benefit of heavy equipment from ICER to help us dig in our AVGP's and to cross obstacles. This cut down tremendously on problems that arose and was greatly appreciated. Capt Ferguson's heart is still pumping rapidly after his close call with a Cougar (he was in an Ittis). Finally, we packed up and headed back to Calgary to prepare for Exercise PRAIRIE VIPER in Suffield. Of special note was the reputation earned by 4 platoon. Everywhere we went, a fire broke out, even when we were only observers! We now qualify as Smoky the Bear fire fighters, and Area C is no longer plagued by excessive undergrowth.



"Which way to the beach?" B Coy prepares for the assault river crossing.



"Will this fit on my pistol?" Maj McKeown (DCO) takes aim with the SAWES equipment

After WAINCON, the battalion rushed to repair anything that needed it and to prepare for Suffield's live fire battle group exercise, PRAIRIE VIPER 88. Many of our AVGP's remained in Calgary due to a shortage of shocks and A-frames. This was to cause problems later, as the training area in Suffield destroys both these parts. 2Lt Reeves has provided us with a colourful description of the exercise.

EX PRAIRIE VIPER 88

by 2Lt C.W. Reeves

On 18 May 1988 the First Battalion loaded onto its high speed, combat, air-conditioned buses and deployed to beautiful CFB Suffield for the 1 CBG battle group exercise, PRAIRIE VIPER 88.

Upon arrival in this "desert" training area, the battalion commenced setting up its bivouac area and began final preparations for the training that was to take place in the next ten days. Since this was to be a completely live fire battle group level exercise, commanders had to attend numerous safety briefings before any of the fun could start. These briefings also provided the opportunity for our officers to meet the officers of the other combat arms involved in the exercise. While these briefings were taking place, the soldiers zeroed their weapons and prepared vehicles and equipment. In their spare time, however, many soldiers decided to acquaint themselves with some of the local prairie dogs and began working on their tans for summer.

Finally the morning came when the training would officially begin. In clouds of dust the companies rolled off to their assigned training areas. After linking up with the safety staff, the companies began their advance to contact. It did not take long before the first rounds were fired down range at the vicious enemy figure 11 and plywood targets. Commanders, right down to section level, quickly relearned the importance of command and control in order to ensure that our own soldiers were not hurt by friendly fire. The soldiers relearned the importance of taking well aimed shots as opposed to firing blindly.



"REORG!" Members of A Coy reorg after a successful attack

As time went on, platoons and companies improved their minor tactics, fieldcraft and fire fighting techniques. Given the recent drought and type of terrain, every attack ignited a grass fire that added a bit more realism to the training. These fires, caused by artillery, mortar, tank and company weapons fire had to be extinguished after every attack before anyone could continue with the trace.

After these initial gruelling days in the heat and dust, the battalion returned to the bivouac area for a day of rest and maintenance, which began with a night off in Medicine Hat for those who were interested. The following day, while soldiers and NCOs worked on maintenance and reallocation of equipment and vehicles, the officers were off reconnoitering defensive positions.



"Your place or mine?" Pte Grant speaks with a reporter from Medicine Hat

The following day the battalion returned to the field to carry on with its training. Even fewer AVGPs were serviceable. B Company, always wanting to be different, conducted mounted operations in MLVWs for the remainder of the exercise. These last few days of the exercise involved battle group level defensive and offensive operations. Overall, all ranks gained valuable experience and learned numerous lessons that will be applied in the future.



"I hope the sergeant doesn't hear about this!" C Coys new dismounting drills

The battalion returned home on 30 May 1988 as a much more cohesive unit. It had learned to adapt, improvise and overcome many problems such as logistics and the loss of commanders, that could very well surface in a time of war.

Commanders got to know their jobs and men better and soldiers had gained more confidence and proficiency with their weapons. As a final note, Capt BE Lewis, 2IC C Company, had managed to get a great suntan. All in all an excellent exercise.

Immediately after Suffield, everyone prepared for the wide variety of taskings lined up for the summer. With the rest of the Brigade's major units either going overseas, or returning from overseas, we bore the brunt of the Brigade's responsibilities. We provided personnel for Milcon, NRQS, the Brigade Small Arms competition, courses in Wainwright, Gagetown, Borden and many other places too numerous to mention.

BN SMALL ARMS TEAMS AND BDE COMPETITION

by Lt Welsh and Capt Emck

The shooting teams of 1 PPCLI had another fine year in 1988. The shooting skills of the battalion were well represented by teams in the following categories: Pistol, SMG, Service Rifle, LMG and Sniper Rifle.

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The Brigade Small Arms Competition was held in Calgary in June. Responsibility for the running of the competition fell to the officers and soldiers of B Coy and Cbt Sp Coy. In fact, there were many more soldiers from 1 PPCLI involved in administration than in the shooting itself. Although the competition only took a week, the preparation required was considerable; Capt Ramsbotham (Royal Green Jackets) was the OIC with CSM Jackson doing much of the necessary ground work.

The range staff and butt party spent a relatively tedious (but necessary) week before the competition rehearsing the routine. "Targets Up—Targets Down" rang through the butts as Capt Bugeaud, WO Burke and the remainder of the butt party practised their black art. OIC Butts found, to his amazement, that using golf tees as target plugs worked very well (Thanks Sgt Bishop!). Many firing point staff worked under their beach umbrellas at the other end of the range; these included Capt "The Plug" Justice and Lt "Random Number Generator" Johnson. Their efforts and those of all their staff contributed to a very well run week of competition.

In addition to running the competition, the battalion had its own competitors. The first to shoot was the Pistol Team led by MCpl Osteshower and Sgt Richie. Other members were Cpl Carrol, Pte Ho and Pte MacDonald. The team placed second, but Pte Ho finished as the best individual in the Brigade.



"Forget the grouping, check out that chick from Svc Bn!"



"Freeze gopher!" MCpl Wheatly takes aim on his target

The next team involved was the SMG team. Members were MCpl Paquette, MCpl Sutherland, Pte Middleton, Pte Cave, Pte Edwards, Pte McGrath and Pte MacDonald. This team was given a bye to the National Competition at the Connaught Ranges in Ottawa but unfortunately did not win there.

The Service Rifle team had a confusing preparation period. After switching several times between the C1 and C7, a decision was made just prior to the Brigade competition that, for the first time, the C7 rifle would be used. The Rifle team members included Sgt Hitchcock, MCpl Litle, Pte Davis, Pte Kenyon, Pte Stratton and Pte Liddicoat. The Rifle team was also given a bye to the main event in Ottawa where Sgt Hitchcock placed in the top 50 while the team placed second in the four-man team competition for the Daigle Trophy. As the team members were all first year shooters, or "tyros", while many other teams had three seniors and only one tyro, this was an extremely creditable result.

The Battalion 1988 Sniper Teams consisted of Capt Oliphant, MCpl Wheatly, MCpl Ostershower and Cpl Carroll. After practising in Dundurn these teams, which did not take part in the Brigade Competition, placed 5th and 11th out of 35 at the Connaught Ranges. The LMG Team members were Pte Cooper, Pte Pearson, Pte Doiron and Pte Bosse with MCpl Davis as coach. Despite a run-in with the ceiling fans at Molly McGuire's, the teams did well and finished 3rd and 5th.



MCpl Ostashower awaits the order to load and fire at the Bde SAC

Well done to all the teams and the staff. The teams from 1 PPCLI demonstrated in 1988 that they have the ability and the skills to be among the best marksmen in the army. It remains to be seen whether 1989 will provide the battalion the opportunity of doing even better.

NRQS

by Lt J.M. Shorten

The summer of 88 proved to be a busy one for the soldiers of 1 PPCLI, a direct result of being the only ones in the right place at the right time. Several taskings required many individuals to perform duties in various areas of the country. In the case of Charlie Company, we were destined to return to our old stomping grounds of Wainwright Alberta to assist our brothers in the Reserves.

We were to provide the manpower, vehicles and expertise for what is commonly called NRQS or The National Ranks Qualification School. More specifically, we became the backbone for a course that would end up qualifying Militia officers as either infantry company commanders or armoured squadron commanders. This became a task that Charlie Company soon realized would take some added patience on its part.

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On around 4 July 88, C Coy mounted up in what few AVGPs were left in the Brigade and headed north for what proved to be a memorable two weeks. A couple of days prior, Militia officers from Quebec to B.C. were gathered in Wainwright, attending lectures that would soon be put into practice.

Our first two days were spent practicing for a Company level deliberate attack and a time and space demonstration on the open prairie, west of the Battle River. The performance went off without a hitch while the candidates observed from a higher vantage point. Time was then spent familiarizing them with our vehicles and equipment, with which some had no previous experience. Soon the candidates assumed command roles and we were off and running. The Officer Candidates rapidly became familiarized with the art of navigating from a moving Grizzly, particularly in the Badlands. They learned about the realities of command and control at company and platoon level by the best method... experience.



Things got very hot at times during NRQS

As the course progressed, Charlie Company received valuable training time in offensive, defensive and delay operations. Each day's activities culminated with the adoption of an administrative harbor. The canteen produced a welcome, relaxed social atmosphere where one could reflect on the day's activities and get to know the militiamen better, and they took a keen interest in all that we had to say.

As assessment after assessment was completed, we found ourselves approaching the end of the course and headed back to camp. In appreciation of our efforts, the candidates hosted a party at the Buffalo Lodge where more than sufficient quantities of food, beer and entertainment could be found.



AVGPs from C Coy form up in extended line at NRQS

All in all, the experience was positive and it pointed out the need for more cooperation and training amongst the reserves and regular forces.

To help celebrate the 75th Anniversary, the First Battalion has provided a team of mountain climbing experts to conquer four mountains bearing names of famous Patricias. What follows is the story of the trip up the first such mountain, Mount Corbould in B.C.

EX CORBOULD PATRICIA 1

Capt R. Migadel

To mark the 75th Anniversary of the Regiment, 1 PPCLI will replace the 50th Jubilee canister in the cairn on top of Mount Hamilton Gault and present the contents to the Regimental Museum. We will leave a new canister. To practice the battalion team, we decided to climb three other mountains named after distinguished former members of the Regiment. The four mountains we selected were Mount Hamilton Gault, Mount Buller, Mount Farquhar and the recently renamed, Mount Corbould.

Mount Corbould was the first climb the Battalion's 75th Anniversary Climbing Team. We were forced to do our initial planning with only a limited recce and poor air photos. (The photos were taken in the early spring) However, with a detailed map recce, the plan soon fell into place. The plan was simple. We were to follow a logging road to the east side of the mountain and then make our way up an intermittent creek bed to its origin. Next, we had to bash through the bush to a main ridge line, and once on it, follow it until we were clear of the wood line. Finally, we had to traverse the slope to the saw ridge where the peak of Mount Corbould was waiting to be conquered.



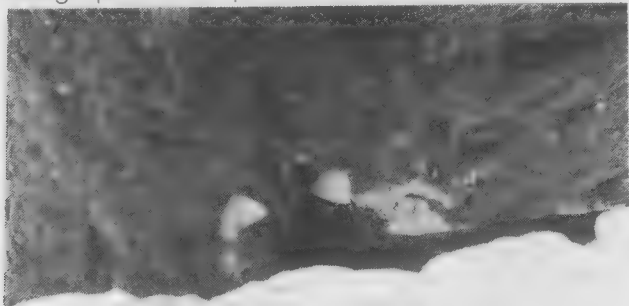
MCpl Denkowycz Team 2, second ascent

The climbing team was dropped off at around 0900 hrs on 1 Sep 88 at the base of the mountain on the logging road. Following the dry creek bed up to the ridge line and made good progress over the large boulders. However, the route turned out to be harder than we estimated. Our route ended abruptly in thick undergrowth but fortunately we had gained about 1500 ft elevation.

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The next phase of the operation saw us hacking through the bush to the ridge line. Instead of the usual cloud cover, we had a beautiful sunny sky with a record breaking 32 degrees Celsius. This, plus the heavy undergrowth and lack of water lead to us becoming quite drained and dehydration, became a pressing concern. Around 1930 hrs a decision to bivouac was made and a recce team was sent to locate a water re-supply point while we still had some daylight. We had our first bivouac camp ready just after 2200 hrs. With a 13 hour day and only 4000 ft elevation gain, we decided on a late start for the next day since we were finally clear of the wood line.

Much to our surprise, we awoke early and had a leisurely breakfast. Afterwards, we packed up and started up the mountain again. Around 1000 hrs we came upon a glacial pond at about the 6000 ft level. If a person ever wished to come across a mountain oasis, we found it. With this mountain oasis as our base camp we felt we could travel quickly with light packs to the peak since it was less than 2 km away.



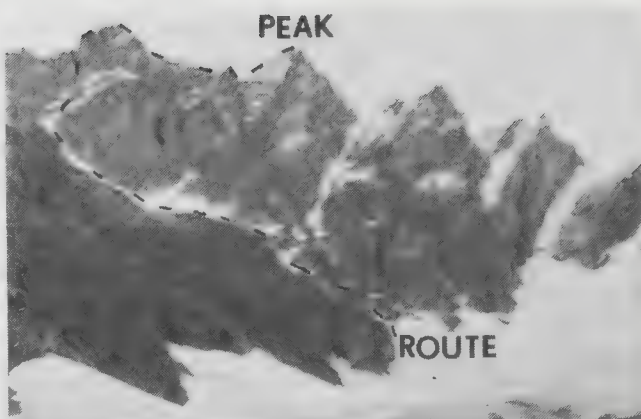
MCpl Gauvreau in a chimney

However, our luck was to change once more. Our intended route came to an abrupt halt, because the ridge line became a 300 ft cliff. Since we were unable to negotiate this obstacle, we tactically withdrew back to the Tweedmuir Lodge to reevaluate our attack plan. Our gruelling 15 hr approach was equally matched with a demanding 9 hr descent.

With the loss of three days, the plan now was to assault the mountain by two separate routes with the support staff establishing a Radio Rebroadcasting Station (RRB) on a nearby peak. The RRB played a major role in the helicopter evacuation of MCpl Denkowycz, who was injured when a rock was dislodged and crushed his foot. Just following the hel evac a weather front moved in and left the remaining two members of the rope team #2 in a white out for 36 hrs. While rope team #2 was caught in the white out, rope team #1 had to slog upwards in heavy rain to establish a high camp. The purpose of a high camp is to wait in position for the weather to clear prior to making a summit push.

With this information and the fact that rope team #2 had only two members left and still over 5 km to go to reach the peak, we made the decision to turn back. The second rope team picked up the support staff who manned the RRB and proceeded back to Tweedmuir Lodge.

On Wednesday, 7 Sep 88, Sgt Graham's rope team awoke to sunny skies. They decide to make the push by following the glacier to a snow chute to gain the ridge line. However, they had to place a few pitons for protection prior to completing the final 300 ft to the ridge line. Once on the ridge line it was only another 500 ft until they reached the peak, but it wasn't the highest peak, the next peak over was. At 1530 hrs the mountain was conquered.



Mt Corbould, the way to the top



Team 2 on the peak of Mt Corbould with the Regimental Flag

After a quick photo and constructing a cairn, the rope team headed back to their high camp for a night's rest. On Thursday, after an 11 hr descent, they were picked up by the support staff and taken back to Tweedmuir Lodge.

MCpl Denkowycz suffered no broken bones or permanent injury to his foot but he had to walk with crutches for three weeks.

The climbing team gained valuable experience, learning much about themselves and their teammates while climbing in unfamiliar terrain.

Next, we will climb Mounts Buller and Farquhar as conditioning and warm up climbs prior to the conquest of the real prize, Mount Hamilton Gault.

After a hectic summer, the battalion deployed to Dundurn Saskatchewan for a patrolling Battle School, a very rewarding exercise.

EXERCISE NOBLE PATRICIA 1 PPCLI FALL BATTLE SCHOOL

by Lt J.P. DeCoste

During the last two week of September the First Battalion deployed to Dundurn for an intense Battle School. The Battle School began in typical fashion with rifle sections and platoons reacquainting themselves with skill dulled through life in garrison. Simultaneously, the platoons of Combat Support Company were actively preparing what would have to be called some of the most demanding and exciting ranges to meet and test a soldier's abilities.

While range staff busied themselves with the construction of trenches, tunnels and bunkers, rifle company per-

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sonnel filled their days with a myriad of tasks. SAWES were incorporated into section and platoon training, which helped to reinforce skills and drills. The arduous attacks were compounded by the difficulty of navigation well as command and control over the pockmarked terrain of the Dundurn training area, which is not unlike the surface of the moon. These first few days hardened muscle and harmonized drills.

The next few days saw platoons moving from range to range. These ranges were designed to test the individual, the team and section, as well as that most important fighting entity—the rifle platoon.

Soldiers were challenged with an individual Close Quarter Battle Run (CQBR), commonly referred to as a “jungle lane”. This differed from the norm in that it was conducted with a 12 gauge shotgun verses a C7. Cries of “Bird” and “pull” echoed throughout the bush. There is nothing novel about using shotguns in battle; shotguns have been used in all major wars and conflicts from the trenches of WWI to the jungles of Malaysia and Vietnam. Moreover, shotgun shooting is an excellent means of improving hand/eye coordination, aiding immeasurably in the quick-kill technique of shooting.



“This ain’t no turkey shoot” The instinctive shooting range—Dundurn Saskatchewan

Natural progression had soldiers paired, conducting team fire and movement over a well prepared range constructed by Mortar Platoon. Teamwork gives truth to the adage “I am my brother’s keeper”.

Teams rallied to their respective sections and graduated to a section assault through dense bush. This proved to be a great test of command and control, for this was truly a nasty position to overcome. However, after several sections rotated through this range, it developed into a “scorched earth” range. As a result, soot and cinder instead of leaves and twigs became the principal means of camouflage.

With respect to ranges, the most innovative and challenging proved to be the tunnel and bunker clearance; both of which were constructed by our venerable Pioneers. The tunnel range, a darkened catacomb construction some forty-five meters in length, was not unlike the sewers of Paris or the notorious tunnels of Cu Chi within the iron triangle of South Vietnam. Soldiers entered the black mouth of the tunnel entrance armed with a 9mm service pistol and flashlight, with only the presence of silent safety NCO for reassurance (Sgt Simmons—the tunnel rat). With sweating palms and taut nerves one entered this void with the apprehension of a lost soul in Hades. After what must have seemed to be a millennium of snaking through this winding indigo, begrimed soldiers would exit with squinting eyes and a smile, realizing that, in fact, there was light at the end of the tunnel.



Lt Mills and 1 Platoon, Dundurn patrol competition winners

Bunker clearance, conducted at section level was equally as nerve wracking. The darkness and difficulty of this task was magnified by the blinding and choking dust stirred up by exploding grenades.

The intensity of training was heightened by a fighting patrol competition. This event saw all rifle platoons actively engaged in patrol preparations and planning. The course of this competition was conducted over difficult terrain laced with numerous obstacles and danger areas. Although few would cheerfully admit it, it was good patrolling weather with freezing rain and brisk winds.

Platoons and their respective commanders were assessed throughout. The mission(s) saw each platoon conducting a raid on a well though somewhat deviously prepared, Soviet section sized position (complements of Reconnaissance Platoon). Recce also provided intelligence and guides. After several days of competition and much deliberation the winning platoon was announced. The competition was won by the men of 1 Platoon A Company, commanded by Lt J. Mills and Sgt D. Warrington.

The Battle School culminated in a March and Shoot competition. This incorporated hard marching and equally difficult navigation over featureless rolling hills. As well, personnel were tested in first-aid and shooting while wearing gas masks. 7 Platoon C Company, commanded by Lt M Annis and WO R Comeau met the challenge and walked away as the victors.

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Lt Annis and 7 Platoon, Dundurn March & Shoot Competition winners

After ten hard long days, the First Battalion returned to Currie Barracks. It had been a good exercise in which the soldiers were faced with some difficult problems and rather large obstacles. However, they prevailed. The spirit and performance of the soldiers of the First Battalion was reflected in the exercise title . . . Noble Patricia.

Finally the battalion conducted another PCF course cycle and started preparation for next year's winter exercise. We enjoyed the Men's Christmas Dinner immensely, particularly the ten men from Combat Support who won the Mercedes-Benz that the Calgary Military Museum Society raffled off to support the construction of the future Museum of the Regiments which will house the Regiment's artifacts.

A final note, all the way throughout the year our wives and girlfriends backed us up. They have formed a wife's club for all ranks to help each other while we are away. (They also send us cookies!) The following is a poetic synopsis of their year



The "Make Up and Hair" demonstration team in action at a PW's meeting—Jan 88



Ladies of the PW's association at their year end Dinner and Fashion Show—Jun 88

Dear Patricia:

Did you know . . . there's a wife's club that meets every month? We meet in the evenings, after breakfast and lunch.

We call ourselves "PW's"; our logo's a "bear". We're open to ALL . . . Yes . . . to ALL RANKS, I swear.

We've not been here long; this is only Year "2". But . . . read on and I'll tell you just what we all do.

Our meetings encourage both friendship and fun. They're relaxed and informal, and when one is done

We read our newsletters to find out details Of our next one, to be there, come "high tides" or "gales".

Now . . . last year we had a great Craft Night and Sale, And Flower Arranging and Fashions (Female),

Mixed Drinks and Hors d'Oeuvres, (they were great for "the hips") We had Make-Up and Hair Styles and Modeling Tips.

There was Egg Decorating and Chocolates too, And a Dinner (gourmet). Of course, I had "the flu"!

"Operation C.C.C.P." . . . it was for all our guys (Confidential Cookie Care Package) for that long exercise,

And . . . a Skit Night, the critics would never have panned Called "CFB Calgary's . . . Patricia in Blunderland"! So, now our first year . . . well . . . its over and gone, And our next one has started (like a verse to a song).

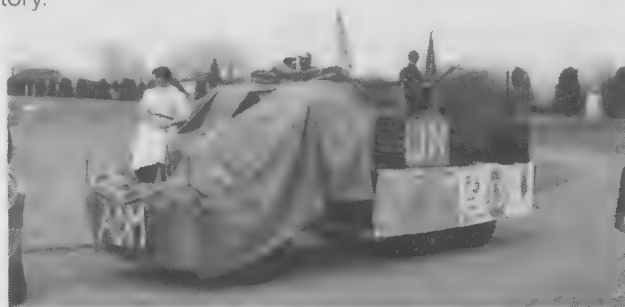
We've already made wine and we're "fit as a fiddle", But soon all this "good cheer" (Christmas) will be seen round my middle

Now . . . I would like to say "Thanks to all 1 PPCLI. Your support and goodwill . . . well . . . that's how we got by.

And as part of "the family", we're glad to be here, And we're proud to be P.W.'s . . . Happy 75th Year.

Sincerely, "Honorary President" Patricia Wives Association 1988/89

And so, yet another year has rolled past to become history.



A tribute to our UN peace keeping forces. The winning float at the French Grey Cup



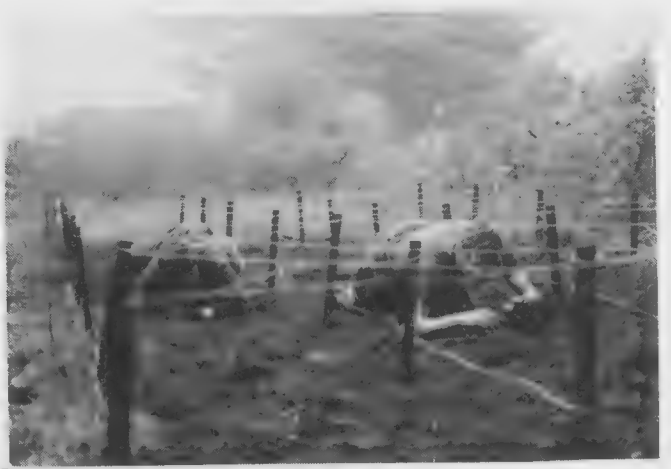
"Girls just wanna have fun"—The French Grey Cup Queens



"Bah Hum-bug!" So ends yet another year. LCol Kennedy takes out the trash at the Men's Christmas Dinner



Second Battalion



OPERATION PRINCESS ROYAL II

by Capt M.J. Minicola

"... and it was written that ye who art green of clothing, heavy of foot and broad of shoulder shall move to the promised land. A land of all-night burritos and takeout pizza. A land of pickup trucks, baseball hats and screaming guitar solos. A land where you will be chilled by the winter wind, then warmed by the affections of its mysterious, swarthy women. And so they moved.

They left behind them the tribal Euro-thump of the Tan-zhaustinkplatziscos. They left behind them the yellow high beams, plaid pants and stores that close at noon on Saturday. They left the goatee beards, the round glasses and most importantly, they left those disgusting oily, slimy salads with shredded beets in them. And it was good.

And yea, verily, they moved all manner of possessions with them. The shepherds took their flocks of Saab and Jetta. They took with them the stereos and videos and televisions, the skis and bicycles, the computers and antiques. And there was much anguish and wringing of hands as the mad search for receipts took place and there was much gnashing of teeth when they went through customs. And it was bad.

And to the rotation office they flocked. 1221 members and dependents, 133 pets, 245 cars, 48 motorcycles and 1,371,989 lbs of unaccompanied baggage, with complaints and arguments, problems and technicalities. The love sick brought their newly beloveds, with vows they could not leave them behind in this savage land, so matrimony must be theirs. The malcontents swore they would not go, and searched for alternate destinations. The hurried sought to leave this place sooner and the slow sought to delay departure. And it was confused.

And so the men they called 2 PPCLI labored to complete the pilgrimage back home, replaced in their foreign home by a tribe of directionless, godless, heathens. And as they packed and shipped, catalogued and searched, listed, paraded and accounted for, a question occurred to all... "Will we have to do this EVERY four years?"

SPECIAL NOTE: A special, 'thank you' goes out to all those who made the rotation so much easier. Without the stability of the non-rotational maintenance, logistics, administrative and kitchen personnel, our task would have been much more difficult. Your assistance and patience during this very demanding period have been greatly appreciated.



Kapyong Barracks, freed from tyranny once again!



Now, was that a bowline on a bight or a sheep shank?



The Colours return to Winnipeg



Home again!

2 PPCLI SPORTS

by Capt M.J. Minicola

Following the athletic success of the Rebels hockey team, the Kickers soccer team and the Bayonets rugby side throughout the tour and in particular 1987, it was only fitting that 1988 be just as memorable and cement the Battalion's reputation as the top athletes in CFE, and later, Prairie Region.

Once again, the Rebels dominated CFE hockey, losing only one game all season on their way to a fourth consecutive championship. After obliterating all opposition on the way to their most convincing title victory yet, virtually the entire team intact was used to form the CFB Baden-Soellingen squad which would win the Regionals, the Nationals and finish a close second in the Army Championships, only losing to the 1987 National Champs in double overtime.

The Kickers soccer team continued their dominance in Europe, then, like the hockey team, formed the backbone of the CFB Winnipeg side following the Unit rotation. Relying heavily on the strength of the 2 PPCLI representatives, the Base team swept the Regionals and advanced all the way to the finals of the Nationals before bowing out.

A stalwart season was also turned in by the Battalion basketball team. In only their second year of existence, the hoop squad won the CFE Championships, sweeping aside both play-off foes in straight sets. The final series saw the Second Battalion side destroy two-time defending League Champions Lahr Cyclones in a blowout that left no question as to who the top team in Europe was.

Accolades also go out to Sgt Dugas, Sgt Thompson, MCpl Peters, MCpl Roberts and MCpl MacDonald, the Battalion skeet shooting team. The five took top honours in the First Annual Army/Air Force Skeet Competition, scoring an impressive 416 out of 500.

All in all, when the smoke that was 1988 had cleared, it was obvious that the top jocks in CFE were without doubt, the men of the Second Battalion. A little strutting was certainly in order; with such a heady list of accomplishments, it was definitely merited. Second Battalion, second-to-none.



2 PPCLI Basketball—CFE Champions



Four in a row!



Team Captain Jim Butters accepts CFE Championship trophy from MGen Sharpe



Rick Jolly pops in another two in CFE Finals action



Sgt Dugas watches on as the world is rid of yet another clay pigeon

A COY

by Capt K.K. Conrad

Spring and summer 1988 saw A Coy prepare for rotation. ATI, stocktaking and the departure of the Advance Party to Winnipeg gave cause for all ranks to reflect on their tour in Germany. Emotions were torn between leaving behind the many opportunities in Europe and the return to Canada.

Despite the demands imposed by rotation, A Coy managed to conduct a Driver Wheeled Course during the Unit's spring PCF cycle. Although the success of the course was jeopardized by the autobahn antics of MCpl "Mirrors" Davies, Lt BJ MacLean provided a steady hand, ensuring the course's successful completion.

With the rotation and block leave behind, A Coy deployed on its first FTX on Canadian soil in four years. Exercise "PRESTO BAYONET" concentrated on the honing of individual battle skills and musketry training. Highlighting the exercise were PWTs, pairs fire and movement, a grenade assault range and patrolling. A Coy culminated its Shilo odyssey with an epic swine-fest. The mood that night was one of accomplishment and camaraderie and, accordingly, spirits were high and free-flowing. Rumor has it that the CQ still misses his friend "BBQ the Pig".

Exercise POLAR FOX was a new experience for many of our Germany returnees. A Coy deployed to St Charles Training Area for three days to relearn the mysteries of lighting mountain stoves and finding base plates in the snow. The first day was rather balmy, however, as the mercury quickly dropped, the "Polar Fox's" were quickly separated from the "Snow Puppies". Training was reinforced on the final day with a tent group competition, narrowly won by 2 Platoon.

Although its good to be back in Canada, A Coy still often misses Germany. After all, it never snowed and you never had to dig!!



A Coy pays tribute to that fine establishment "The Grant Hotel" in the French Grey Cup



"#β!!?β Swiss seat is too loose again!!"

LIBERATION/ARMISTICE DAY 5-8 MAY 1988; HASKAMP, NETHERLANDS

With repatriation approaching, the soldiers of the Second Battalion enjoyed one last opportunity to commemorate the achievements of our predecessors on the field of battle. On 5 May, Maj J.M. Lapeyre, Maj C.P. Hofman and Lt I.C. Hope set out with a platoon of Patricias and the Battalion Colour Party for Holland.

We were welcomed to Holland at the Dutch training establishment at Harskamp with a hearty meal and libations. The following day several of our number celebrated Liberation Day with our hosts at Wanigen, the site of the German surrender of all forces still in the Netherlands in May 1945. On the 7th of May, the Patricias held a brief ceremony at Holden War Cemetery commemorating our fallen comrades. After placing the Canadian flag at each grave, we welcomed a contingent of Dutch children who had arrived unaware of our plans and requested permission to share in our act of remembrance. Their reaction was typical of what all Patricias have encountered in the Netherlands during our tour. The Dutch, who suffered so much during WWII, still grieve over our fallen servicemen. A Canadian soldier is always well received in Holland.

An important aspect on ventures such as these is the opportunity afforded to meet new people, experience another culture and generally broaden one's horizons. Our trip was quite eventful in this respect. Tours of the Airborne Museum in Oosterbeek and the Arnhem area were conducted and a detailed briefing of Canadian activities in Holland in 1945 was given by a local historian.

We parted company with our hosts on the 8th of May, somewhat appropriately and began the long drive back to Baden. Our aim had been achieved and we were better learned for it. VP



2 PPCLI and 1 R22eR guards prepare to march on



Cpl W Cowden does his part in bettering Dutch-Canadian relations

METEOR RAGE IN SASKATCHEWAN

In a number of firsts, Bravo Company 2 PPCLI trained at CFB Detachment Dundurn, Saskatchewan, over the period 9–19 September. It was the Company's first exercise since returning from Europe, and it was the first dismounted training in quite some time. More importantly, it was the first opportunity for the Company's three new Platoon Commanders, all eager graduates from the most recent Phase IV in Gagetown, to go to the field with their new platoons.

After some unexpected but nonetheless well handled cross-loading of busses on deployment, the Company arrived in sandy Dundurn ready for a week's training in section and platoon offensive operations. The Platoon Commanders were given relatively free rein by the Company Commander, Major K.A. Moher, to conduct training as they saw fit. Showing some measure of collaboration, or coincidence, they all completed physically demanding advances-to-contact and quick attacks by day with navigation, patrolling, and stalking exercises by night.

The training culminated in two section-level live fire exercises. The first, conducted by Sergeant S. Hart, was a tank hunting practice which incorporated the M-72 and Carl Gustav antitank weapons and the new C-6 GPMG. The second, conducted by Warrant Officer L.V.J. Surridge, was a section advance-to-contact supported by the platoon light mortar and GPMG. Both exercises challenged the sections and ably rounded out their training.

While the soldiers and their leaders were certainly put through their paces, the exercise, nicknamed METEOR RAGE, was not all hard work; Bravo Company upheld its long-standing SOP of work hard, play hard. First, there was a "combat football" game where it seemed, at times, that the platoon commanders were taking on the world. Second, there were the recreation runs into nearby Saskatoon, as time permitted of course.

All in all, Exercise METEOR RAGE was a large success for the Company. Its soldiers had literally got back on their feet again and achieved all that they had set out to do. The Company's many firsts had been met and effectively overcome.



1 Sect, 4 Pl, B Coy 2 PPCLI takes a break after a morning of section advance to contact



"Fighting Through"



B Coy tests the new Arctic toboggans

WAINWRIGHT REVISITED

There were a few things we were looking forward to upon return to Canada but a deployment to Wainwright wasn't high on the list. C Company journeyed there on the heels of their post-embarkation leave from Germany to prepare for Exercise MEDICINE MAN VII in Suffield. The company took to the road by bus on 18 September 1988 and completed work-ups on 4 October. A lot of things had changed in the four years the Battalion had been absent in CFE. A few people were disappointed to find most of the observation towers gone and navigation by map necessary once again. Several others found out that a right turn at the wrong spot got you to the Mott Lake campgrounds—and yes, its still out of bounds to tracked vehicles.

Some things haven't changed though and our return to Wainwright quickly familiarized everyone to the special aspects of soldiering in Canada. No gasthofs for brotchen at breakfast, no barns or houses to sleep in or use as a command post. Tactical movement was permitted and there were no natives complaining about "Panzers". The Battle River posed the usual problems to movement and the wild pigs were replaced by only slightly less wild cattle and a few crazed oil men. The oil rigs make very convincing missile sites and would be ideal targets for raids and attacks if only they weren't out of bounds too!

C Company conducted eight days of dry training, concentrating on offensive operations and finishing with a fast paced, three day exercise that practiced hasty and deliberate defence, patrolling, hasty and deliberate attacks and the advance and withdraw. We capped our return to Wainwright with days of live field firing to practice fire and movement and fighting through the objective. We made maximum use of this time to confirm our expertise on our anti-armour and crew served weapons.

After the mandatory company smoker, and having done our share to prop up the Wainwright economy, we set off on the trail south to Suffield.

Stay tuned...same BATCO station, same BATCO channel.



"You go first..." "No, you go first!"



C Coy makes Wainwright safe for democracy once again



"Cause and Effect"

TAKE YOUR MEDICINE LIKE A MAN

C COMPANY, 2 PPCLI RETURNS FROM EX MEDICINE MAN VII

Upon completion of an intense work-up program in Wainwright, the company group, reinforced by 15 soldiers from the North Saskatchewan Regiment and the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment, came under operational command of an armoured regiment from Osnabruck, West Germany. 4th Royal Tank Regiment, Montgomery's alma mater, journeyed "across the pond" to undergo the final serial of the British Army Training Unit Suffield (BATUS) Exercise MEDICINE MAN VII.

The company began MEDMAN VII with a six day period of special-to-arm training. This training had two goals: the first was to let us get used to live fire exercises and the second was to let the safety staff assure themselves that we were competent with our weapons and equipment. These exercises included Muskrat, where each rifle section rotated through three stands to participate in bunker busting with M-72s and grenades, the defence and a battle inoculation range. We also went through several small exercises called Bald Eagle, Porcupine and Burrowing Owl, all designed to progressively involve all members of the group in tests of increasing difficulty. There were more enemy, more BMPs and deeper objectives to clear. We learned that we were faster than the tanks, and our APCs more reliable, thanks to our MRT crew. The special-to-arm phase ended with Ex BEAVER, which evolved from and assault water crossing (due to lack of water in the South Saskatchewan River) into a dismounted battle group attack preceded by a 12 kilometer approach march. We carried the mortar platoon's bombs for them and cleaned up a large objective at dawn to complete the exercise.

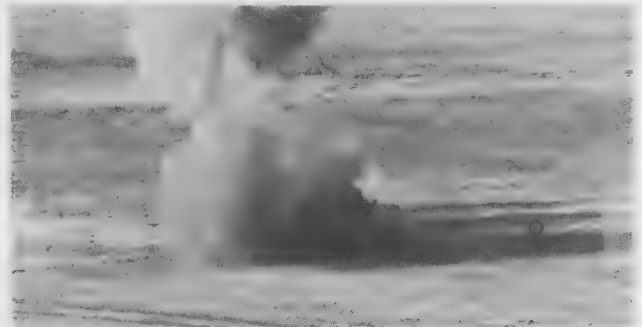
The company then joined the rest of the battle group to go through two short exercises called Gopher and Goshawk. Our ability to move quickly in our M113s was well known by this time and the company was frequently tasked with additional responsibilities as the battle group reserve. Its rare that the infantry holds such an important role in an armour heavy organization. We saw and experienced a lot during these activities. We saw bangalore torpedoes fired, the Giant Viper minefield breaching system was used and MILAN antitank missiles were launched. After a half day of maintenance we launched into the final exercise, appropriately named Alamein, with about 30 minutes notice.

The company started out defending a bridge across the Suffield River, in the village of Daytona. 7 Platoon formed the demolition guard and our pioneer section and MFC party were instrumental in the success of the defence. Following the withdraw of friendly forces across the bridge and the launching of anti-heliborne force (they met on the bridge!), the demolition was fired and the company fell back into its primary positions to defeat the hordes as they attempted to cross the river. Eight Platoon was dispatched twice to help out the other infantry company from the Scots Guards. After two nights in the defence, we withdrew into reserve, only to be inserted once again into the defence to relieve another battered company. We fought a long night battle and our .50 cal's once again saved the day. Their distinctive sound and tracer are great for the morale of those on the right side of the gun.

With a day left to go, the company conducted a long night move that saw the prairie at its worst. The land was flat and featureless, with heavy dust storms to cause delays of up to three hours. Even in these circumstances though, we learned; we learned that an APC is the master key to any gate; we learned that there is still oil in Alberta (we were there); and we learned to rely on our own navigation. Following the night move, we attacked two steeply rising features called Linklater and X-7. The pioneer section probed through 150 meters of minefield to allow the three rifle platoons to assault the position. A section from 8 Platoon formed a fire support base with a dismounted .50 cal and a section of MILAN. This objective was over a kilometer deep and took over an hour and a half to clean up. We then mounted up to help out the Scots Guards company at Timsville and finished MEDMAN VII as the only remaining infantry force and a battle group attack on a small town called Prairie Flower, to seize a crossing over the Suffield River.

At Endex, the company stayed in the field for an extra night to begin the long task of cleanup, a large price to pay for some enjoyable training. Forty of our soldiers worked for an additional three days to help the Brits prepare for next year.

C Company group departed Suffield in style, piped into the Medicine Hat Airport by eight bagpipers from 4RTR. All members are justifiably proud of their accomplishments and the fine example they set while amongst their NATO allies.



"Target identified . . . Target destroyed"



Mortar Platoon enjoys the hospitality of beautiful CFB Shilo

MORTAR PL, 2 PPCLI

Another busy and successful year has passed in Mortar Platoon. Life has been anything but dull with ranges, exercises, courses, the rotation back to Canada and, of course, the annual migration of personnel in and out of the platoon.

The final run of exercises and gun camps in Germany prior to departure ensured that all platoon personnel looked forward anxiously to summer leave. The reassembling of the platoon in Kapyong Barracks was not without its surprises. Those faces leaving were replaced by new ones both from inside and outside the Battalion and not necessarily on a one-to-one basis. Newcomers to the platoon included Capt Overton, WO Mole, Sgts Corriveau, Mirus and Rush, MCpls Peters and Palmer and Cpls Mullick, Rozon, St Pierre and Willicott.

By the time Mortar Platoon had readjusted to being "5/4-borne" once again, there was only enough time for a brief shake-out before conducting a TQ4 Basic Mortar course. Pte McGlinchey of B Coy took top honours. At the same time, Cpl Martino of 52 Group garnered the same prize on the Basic Comms course, receiving a quick move to Sigs Platoon as a reward.

In the future, the platoon looks forward to an interesting and rewarding year back in Winnipeg. Many platoon members have been slated for career courses in Wainwright and Gagetown and, of course, RV 89 is waiting.



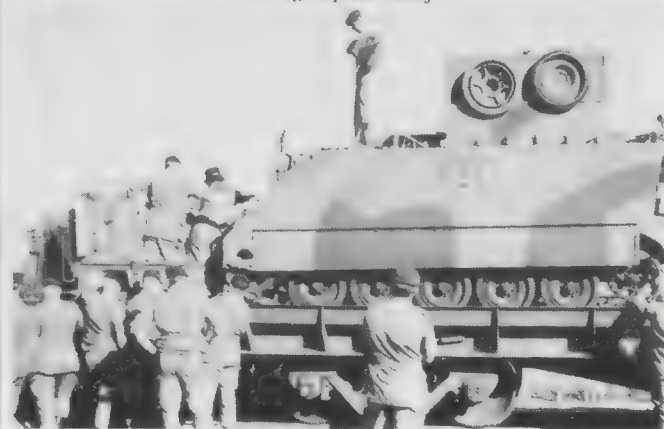
"I'd put it down the tube but its frozen to my hand!!!"



Danger Close



"Gun group on the left"



Just how many men does it take to lift an APC onto a train car?



Up and away

RECCE PL—THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Recce Platoon started the year in 1988 by heading to Baumbolder and familiarizing ourselves with the new weapons. The ranges went well, the PX was crowded and, as usual, the kit shop ran out of poncho liners. Next stop was the Wildflecken training area where the platoon was to carry out the PWT, and get in a bit of tent routine. Unusually harsh winter conditions made for very realistic and challenging firing. With heavy winds and blowing snow, targets were almost impossible to see. There were no shortage of ranges for us, however, as the Americans and the Germans could not believe that anyone would be out in that weather. When things got too hairy, changes had to be made and an evening had to be spent in town. Coincidentally, it was Dirty Thursday (the highlight of Fasching) and a great time was had by all.

March saw the PCF cycle and Recce Platoon had a number of people on the Track course. The course started with us driving through local towns and along the Rhine. Later, we went to Soltau for tactical driving and some cross-training with the Brits. Our drivers now know that Chieftain tanks have the right of way—Lynx's come second.

Garrison life went on with dog and pony shows, afternoons at the skeet range and setting up obstacle courses for the "rugrats". With rotation approaching, there was time for one last Ex in Ulm. The platoon was tasked to disrupt 4 Svc Bn convoys, comms and lower their morale through raids, sniping and snatch patrols. The aim was accomplished and we are happy to report 4 Svc Bn morale was at an all-time low.

In June, Recce went to Bertchesgaden for a week of climbing, hill trekking and to make the year's first group ascent of the Hoher Goll. The platoon then spent a week kayaking from Nurnburg to Frankfurt on the Main-Donau canal system, spending nights at various historic cities along the way.

Summer leave in Canada passed quickly. Soon we were haunting Shilo once more, relearning how to navigate without a town every 5 kms. To end the year we conducted the Battalion's first Recce Patrolman Course in some time. Our week in Minaki was highlighted by the year's first big snowstorm and it made for an interesting time during improvised flotation, especially when the flotation didn't float. Navigation, climbing and rope bridging were also carried out and to finish, the course moved to Hoolwo Water Indian Reserve for a week-long final exercise. After much walking along frozen rivers, sinking through the muskeg and fighting through the thickest of woods, the course ended and it was time for the Men's Christmas Dinner and what we all do best—go on leave.



*Recce Platoon gets yet another feather in their cap—
Tabloid Sports Champions*



Cpl Nielsen pilots the new CF nuclear submarine as it prepares to dive.



Go Navy!

2701 PPCLI CADET CORPS: LADY PATRICIA'S PRODIGAL CHILD

As operation PRINCESS ROYAL II entered its final stage in October of 1988 we took time to re-badge the resident cadet corps and welcome them back into the Regiment as 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps. During Op PRINCESS ROYAL I, 2701 was required to shift badges by the other Regiment in order to secure support. Needless to say, we were very pleased when they contacted to 2 PPCLI Advance Party to determine the earliest date on which a Change of Affiliation Parade could be held.

2701 is approximately 60 strong and drawn primarily from southwest Winnipeg. The CO is Captain Al Yorke and he is assisted by a very capable staff of CIL officers as well as civilian volunteers. The senior cadets are: C/RSM Yorke; C/CSM Dziver and C/WOs Rykdal and Sluis. They are an exuberant lot and seem to enjoy the return to the Patricia family.

The corps is very active. They have made a number of weekend forays for survival training and have several more planned for the January-June period. In addition, they have enjoyed Sr NCO workshops, rappelling, CPR and First Aid training. The hope to do some communications training and organize a visit to Calgary in the near future. The rifle team is quite active, winning numerous awards and their biathlon team promises to do well this year. 2701 also has a very active band which boasts a much sought after drumline.

2701 has a solid history of achievement. They have won the Commander Air Command's Certificate of Achievement for Top Cadet Corps for two years running. The Lord Strathcona Trust Shield has been a laurel for four years in a row. In addition, they have been one of the top three corps in the Manitoba Army Cadet League annual sports competition for the last four years. But they are determined not to rest on their laurels. They fully intend to bring honour to the Regiment while enjoying the support of 2 PPCLI to the fullest. In addition, they wish to highlight their homecoming by winning the PPCLI Association Cadet Corps Trophy in a very detailed and decisive manner. Good luck 2701! VP



LCol W.G.S. Sutherland presenting Corps flag to C/Sgt Dziver



C/RSM Yorke

"Waddaya mean . . . ya lost one!!?"



L-R C/Sgt Larochelle, C/Cpl Lammers, C/CSM Dziver, C/WO Sluis, C/Sgt Gustafson

A FEW OF THE GUYS FROM THE 3rd.





3RD BATTALION PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY

by Lt G.R.J. Carter

The Battalion kicked the year off with a visit to Fort Lewis, WA, to fire a few support weapons and to get "deep, deep undercover" into the Washington landscape.

Upon returning to our haven at Work Point, the Battalion immediately set about preparing for the upcoming tour to Cyprus. Many lectures and briefings were conducted ranging from AFV recognition, to where one could go on R&R. The buildup culminated with an exercise designed to resemble incidents on the line which was followed by a short but well deserved embarkation leave.

The 49th rotation to Cyprus began in late February and by the second week of March, 3 PPCLI had taken "the con". Operationally the tour went exceptionally well with all problems dealt with effectively. The Battalion was also able to host several prominent visitors during the tour including the Minister of National Defence, the Lieutenant-Governor of B.C., the CDS, the Commander 1 Canadian Brigade Group and the Colonel of the Regiment.

Sports-wise the Battalion, as usual, excelled. A highlight was the complete thrashing administered to the other contingents in the UNFICYP Small Arms Competition (will they ever learn?). Another highlight, of course, was the CANCON show which produced the odd pie-eyed look amongst the audience.



3 PPCLI Change of Command
*Sitting (L-R): BGen Reay, Comd 1 CBG; LCol Elliott, Incoming CO;
BGen Graham, Col of Regt; LCol Anderson, Outgoing CO;
BGen Macinnis, Comd CANCON*

One can't forget the Rear Party though, who did more than just keep the home fires burning. B Company pillaged their way through WAINCON 88 before going to Suffield and inflicting similar destruction. Not to be outdone by the CANCON sharpshooters, the Small Arms Team soared to victory in both Brigade and National competitions, winning the coveted Letson Trophy.

After a well deserved leave, the battalion returned to duty in October and bashed on into the PCF cycle which took the soldiers to such exotic places as Chilliwack, Yakima and Fort Lewis.

With the completion of PCF courses, 1988 ran down into the confrontation of the year, the Officer/Senior NCO hockey game (6-1 for the Officers). Naturally, the year finished with the Men's Christmas Dinner and a well deserved Christmas Leave.

Looking back, 1988 was a very successful year wherein the Battalion exercised its many strengths, both at home and abroad. We look forward to the many challenges that await us in 1989, our 75th Year, and will continue to excel in the finest traditions of the Patricias.

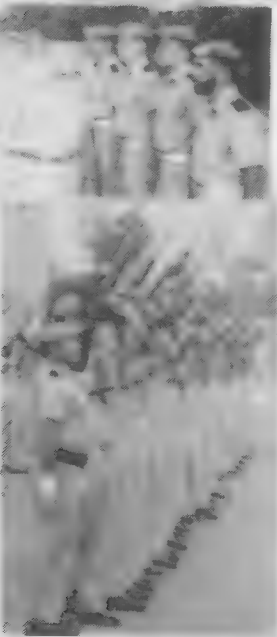
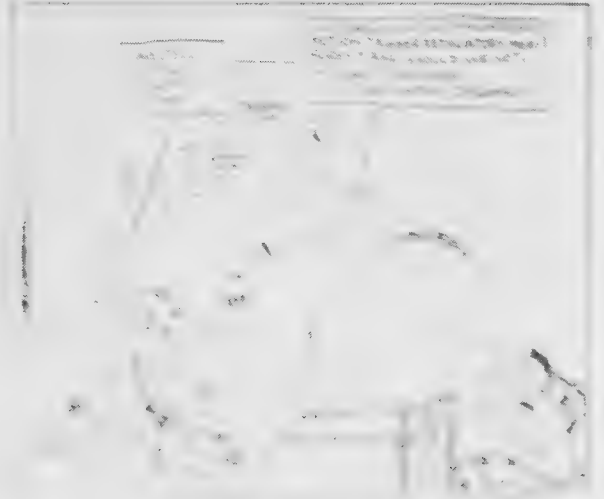


3 PPCLI UNFICYP Small Arms Champions

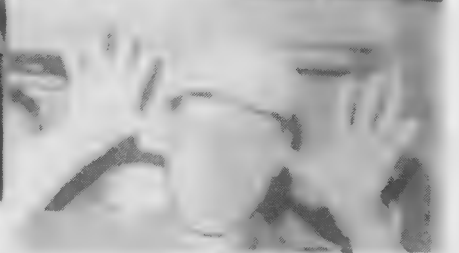
While in Cyprus, the Battalion said farewell to LCol Anderson, who headed off to NDHQ in Ottawa, and welcomed LCol Elliott our new Commanding Officer. In attendance at the change of command parade were: the Commander 1 CBG, BGen Reay; the Colonel of the Regiment, BGen Graham; and the Commander CANCON, BGen MacInnis, as well as numerous UN dignitaries.

3 PPCLI AND CYPRUS

The Third Battalion tour to Cyprus stood out as a highlight of 1988. Besides the normal duty on the Buffer Zone and the other numerous official responsibilities, there were other incidents of a lighter nature, and of course, the numerous visits and functions that the Battalion was able to host. And since a picture tells a thousand words...



Hals: If you think I'm going to touch this one, you're wrong.



3 PPCLI SMALL ARMS TEAM 1988

by **Sgt Stephen G Hitchcock**
and
MCpl Kirk P. Soroka

History was made this past year by the 3 PPCLI SAT (led by WO Dave Haines). Half of the team went to Cyprus and captured all categories at the UNFICYP Small Arms Competition while the remainder of the team stayed in Canada and won the coveted Letson Trophy, earning the right to represent the Canadian Forces at the Commonwealth Championships in Bisley, England in 1989. Guided by WO Bob Turple and aided by the outstanding marksmanship skills of WO Tonu Cromwell and Sgt Darl Whaley, 3 PPCLI captured its second championship in four years.

The team perfected its skills at many different ranges including Victoria, Nanaimo, Chilliwack, Petawawa and Ottawa. Competitions included: The British Columbia Rifle Association; Douglas Ridge Rifle Club; Oregon, USA and NDHQ RA in Ottawa. These competitions enabled 3 PPCLI to work out the bugs and give the first year "Tyro" shooters some very important experience that came in handy at the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competitions.

Eleven shooters of the twelve man team placed in the top 50 in Ottawa with six placing in the top ten for the prestigious Queen's Medal.

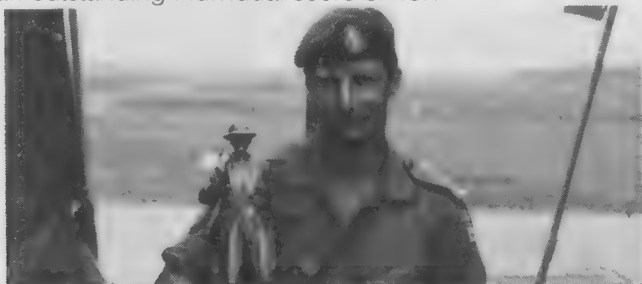


Small Arms Team haul

Congratulations to: Sgt "Top Gun" Darl Whaley (2nd) Commonwealth Champion in 1986 WO; "QM", Tony Cromwell (4th) Queen's Medalist in 1978; Pte "Willy" Williams (5th); Pte "Eddie Munster" Wills (7th) (his wife, Shannon, won the Reserve Queen's Medal 1988); Sgt "Old Man" Gord Trel-nuk (8th); MCpl "Stats" Kirk Soroka (9th).

Other members of the team included: Sgt "White Tornado" Stephen Hitchcock; MCpl "Fergy" Barry Ferguson; Pte "EJ Rooney" Warren Lepine; Pte "Gino" Schneider; Pte "Trotch" Trottier; Pte "Full Auto" Shaun Hamilton

Special mention to Sgt "Banker Bids" Steve Bidwell for an outstanding individual score of 487.



Sgt "Top Gun" Darl Whaley with Helmer Trophy CFSAC 88 Ottawa, Connaught Ranges

1989 Brings new challenges for the 3 PPCLI Small Arms Team. They will compete in Fort Lewis at the I Corps 9th Division Matches, send a team to Bisley and train a second rifle team for the 1 CBG and CFSAC competitions. It is with regret that we say farewell to Sgt Darl Whaley who opted for remuster and will no longer shoot for our Regiment. We wish him well in his new career. His accomplishments on the range will be hard to match.

EXERCISE ORANGE GROVE 3 PPCLI/MARPAC JOINT OPERATION

by **Lt D.E. Delaney**

On 17 Oct 88, 7 Platoon and B Company HQ set sail with 4th Canadian Destroyer Squadron for Barkley Sound as part of the enemy (Orange Force) during MARPAC's Exercise ORANGE GROVE. The Company was to conduct an amphibious operation to seek out and destroy the Forces of Blue Land.

The mission was relatively simple: Deploy four observation posts on designated islands in Barkley Sound in order to obtain a fix on the enemy ships anchored there. These locations would in turn be relayed to the Orange Force ships. Phase 1 of the operation was the deployment of B Company by three ships from Desron Four; HMCS YUKON, HMCS SASKATCHEWAN and HMCS MACKENZIE. Maj M.J. English, Officer Commanding B Company, remained aboard HMCS YUKON in order to liaise with the Navy while Capt J.J.M. Lesalle commanded the troops on the ground. The initial deployment phase proved to be most treacherous and Capt Lasalle was only too happy to leave the "heads" and paddle ashore with a chuckling Lt (Naval) Mark Hadley who discovered that those scenic and hilly islands only look beautiful from afar.

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Loading of assault boats

With the amphibious landing complete the next task at hand was to establish observation posts and carry out the surveillance task. Undeniably, a fair amount of rack time was snagged by all. However, that was little consolation for the continuous downpour that ensued. Early 18 Nov 88 the first of the enemy ships was spotted and it was only a short time before all of the ships were plotted on the map and a fire mission was prepared. Actually, the fire mission remained prepared for quite a while since the Company was not able to relay it on to the ships because communications were—well—not the best.

When 19 Nov 88 rolled around, HMCS MACKENZIE retrieved the B Company landing party and the troops were hospitably greeted and treated to a shot glass full of cheer that would have made Clint Eastwood's eyes water. There was time to relax and chow down, but not for long. Soon the boys were camming up and preparing for a night raid on a SAM site at Rocky Point.

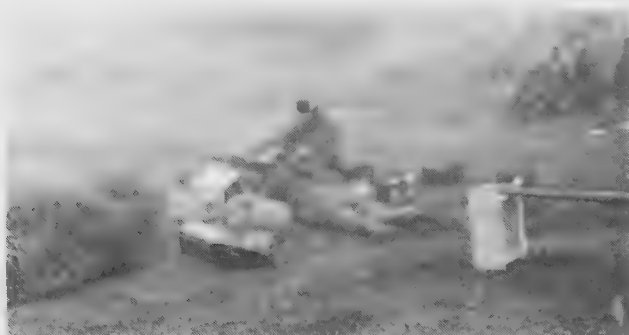
The evening's platoon size fighting patrol was commanded by Lt Mike Gerenda. Within a few hours of disembarkation the enemy was located and violently dispatched: a fitting finale to three days of amphibious training with MARPAC.

3 PPCLI MG COURSE SERIALS 8801/8802

by Lt M.W. Gerenda

3 PPCLI conducted two basic MG serials during the fall PCF cycle from 26 Oct to 8 Dec 88. The two serials, conducted simultaneously, were unique because it was the first time that the use of the C-6 has been formally taught within the battalion.

Unlike past MG courses, candidates received formal instruction on three weapons instead of two, including the use of the ground mount, vehicle mount and antiaircraft mount. Twenty days were devoted to dry training which included: theory and characteristics of MG fire; weapons handling; use of the AVGP turret; and all arms air defence. The course then deployed to Yakima Firing Center, Washington, for eight days of live firing. In Yakima, the candidates reacted to fire control orders, practiced individual weapon drills and visually observed the characteristics of live MG fire. The highlight of the course, however, was the anti-aircraft shooting. The course was successful in shooting down a total of nine out of twenty drones flown by members of the United States Army's First Battalion 44th Air Defence Artillery from Fort Lewis, Washington.



3 PPCLI No. 2 Basic MG Course. No. 1 gun, new target.

Overall the course was a great success. Top candidates were, Pte R Hinkey from Serial 8801 and Pte MA Dicapula from Serial 8802.



3 PPCLI No. 1 Basic MG Course If you fly, you die

BEARD GROWING PATRICIA STYLE

by Pte D.J. Pickett

Pioneer course 8801 started out very much the same as any other course, "Good morning, I'm your instructor. This is what you will be learning." Once it started, we learned more than expected. We learned how to use pioneer tools, both old and new; build bridges of rope and logs; set up booby traps; lay mines and build boats from some of the wildest things you've ever seen; and, of course, we all enjoyed doing demolitions.

This was one of the first courses to work with the new hydraulic power tools. These tools make the job ten times easier and give pioneers a new capability.

Finally out of the classroom, the first tool learned was the power saw. Like all courses, some knew how to use it and some didn't. We won't mention any names like Pte Lindsay's.

After learning how to use all the tools, the next step was to go to Camp Thunderbird and build something. We built a bridge of round timber and top-of-the-line culvert. *Cont.*



Carrying one of the logs to bridge site to become a road barrier

After the building phase it was off to the much fought over, highly tactical sports field to set up wire obstacles. It even rained, how realistic.

Booby traps were the next item. It was a lot of fun—for those that didn't get killed. Unfortunately, we suffered heavy losses in the finding and disarming of them, just ask Pte Dunkin.

Then we were taught how to care for and maintain rope. Roll it up this way, don't hang it on Betel and don't step on it.

As mentioned earlier, the sports field had been fortified, however, it was not strong enough. We had to go back and lay a mine field. The enemy never did show up so we decided to breach it ourselves.

The course was progressing very well so we invited the General to come out with us for a cruise around the dock in our 15-man assault boats. He was impressed. Afterwards, between sections, war broke out and all got wet, thanks to MCpl Breustedt.

After splashing around it was time to go to Chilliwack for some hard-core pioneer work.

Watermanship was first. The boats were made from no more than what you would have on patrol. We were very limited in the training we could do on Slesse demolition range because of the accident. However, we made do.



All the troops Course 8801 (L to R) Ptes Pickett, Lagass, Dudziak, Reed, McDonald, Lindsay Cpls Katuski, Parolin, Ptes Wilson, Arsenault, MCpls Mcmillan, Elder, Jorzik, KNol, Smoljanovic, Dunkin, MCpls Breustedt, Murray, WO Whilla and Pte Hould

C COY 3 PPCLI AVGP COURSE 8802

by Sgt MacDonald H.J.

The second "BEAR" course of 1988 ran from 26 Oct to 7 Dec. The course was conducted in three phases. The first phase was spent learning to drive in the city and surrounding area of Victoria impressing the heck out of the girls and scaring the dickens out of the local drivers who were unaccustomed to 12 tons of "Bear" on the road. Amazingly, we came through it all without even a scratch on the paint (military or civilian!). However, the instructors are a little grayer around the temples and now have strange, far away looks in their eyes.

The second phase of the course was the swim camp at Lake Cowichan. Many of the students didn't believe that 12 tons of steel would float, but before the day was over they were firm believers in the swimming abilities of the Grizzly. Many thanks to PO Constantine and his drivers from Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific) for their help in running a successful swim camp.



Full Steam Ahead Crew Commander—MCpl Jure, Driver—Pte Officer

The third phase of the course was the training conducted at Yakima Firing Centre, Washington. The road move down to Yakima was uneventful. I can't figure out why the American drivers gave us two lanes to ourselves on Interstate 5 though. The training down in Yakima consisted of hides, harbors, night driving, leaguers and reviewing driving strategies in the Desert Inn.

Thanks to all the Instructors for making this course an outstanding success and helping me maintain my sanity. Until the next bunch of eager young candidates arrive on the scene . . . !

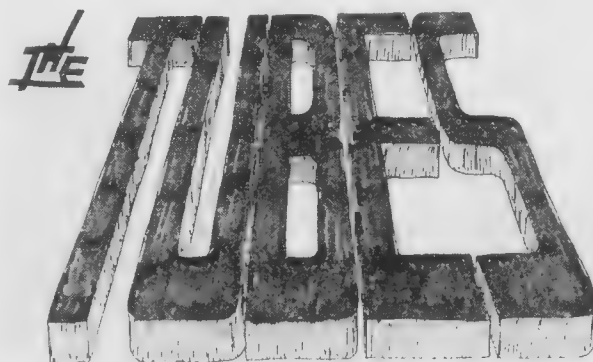
THE TUBES

by Lt P.A. Weir

After having been disbanded last February to enhance the effectiveness of the rest of the Battalion, the Tubes were once again reunited on their home turf to reform the elite fighting force of the unit. Under the able leadership of apt Perry "Iron Guts" Metaxas and WO Mel Thistlewaite, and "Mac" MacLean, the Tubes conducted recruit training from 26 Oct to 9 Dec. Although many aspects of the training are of course still classified, there were 17 successful graduates who are now permitted to wear the distinguished "Tubes" shoulder flash. During the course, training was conducted in a host of strange, exotic places ranging from Rocky Point to Yakima, Washington, giving the troops a taste of danger amongst strange cultures and environments.

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MORTAR COLS, ONE STEP FROM IMMORTALITY

BASIC TOW GUNNER COURSE 8801

by Sgt Olson W.F.

Armoured Defence Platoon conducted a basic TOW Gunners Course from 27 Oct to 6 Dec 88 at Work Point Barracks and Yakima Firing Center, Yakima, Washington.

Due to the Battalion's Cyprus tour the platoon did not fire the year's allotment of TOW missiles. Although missiles are no longer fired as part of the course, the missiles were fired by the top candidates, thus giving all that much more incentive to do well. The course was the first opportunity for ADP to fire using thermal imagery, hitting four for four with the thermal sight.

The course graduated twelve candidates, seven of whom are members of Armour Defence Platoon. Top Candidate for the course was Cpl Cassleman AC, of Armour Defence Platoon.

3 PPCLI Armour Defence Platoon will be participating in the CBG TOW shoot in April.

ONE MISSILE, ONE HIT, ONE KILL!!



Which way did it go? (Basic TOW Course)

DRIVER WHEELED COURSE 8801/02

by Lt D.J. Vernon

As everyone is aware, there is always a demand for qualified drivers in the Infantry. The responsibility for driver training in 88 fell upon the broad (and slightly bruised) shoulders of Battalion Transport Platoon, the most overworked and underpaid... but that's another story.

3 PPCLI Transport ran two Driver Wheeled courses in 1988: Course 8801 in Aug/Sep commanded by Lt Gerenda; and Course 8802 in Nov/Dec commanded by the Transport Officer, or so I've been led to believe. Both graduated 28 candidates. The 8801 Top Candidate was Pte, now MCpl, Kilmury and top honours for "Gumball Rally 8802" went to Cpl Rekrut.

Despite our sterling reputation, nobody is perfect, Course 8802 had its share of noteworthy scrapes. To avoid embarrassment, and possible legal action, the names of the villains in the following stories have been withheld.

The first tale involves a MLVW being driven in the Mary Hill training area. The accompanying photo pretty well says it all. Of course, nearly everyone has gotten a truck stuck at some point in their careers... but for an entire weekend?



Driver Wheeled Course 8802.

Ptes Peterson and Ferris practice some driver maintenance on an MLVW

Then there is the story of Pte X, an Ittis, a dark night and a wayward deer. As he describes it, "I was driving down a secondary road when, all of a sudden, this deer jumped out of the woods to my front left. I swerved to avoid the little critter and noticed I was now heading for a drainage ditch. I swerved again and the vehicle rolled over onto its side." No one was hurt and the Ittis, once righted, could still be driven. (sort of)

Special mention should go to Sgt D Gardiner who was the Chief Instructor and the (pardon the pun), driving force behind both courses. A hearty well done to all candidates and instructors who put in the hours to make these courses successful.

Unfortunately, however, it is my sad duty to report that the coveted black and gold "TRUCKER" tab is not authorized for wear on the new DEU jacket.



Driver Wheeled Course 8802.

After a strict scientific trial it was determined by an unidentified candidate that the MLVW should not but used to dig trenches

BASIC INFMN'S COMM COURSE 8802

by MCpl S.M. Lovett

While the bulk of the Battalion was recuperating and getting back into the swing of garrison life, Sigs PI was diligently preparing for yet another Infantry Communicator's Course. Several new faces were to be found glaring fiercely from the instructor's podium; Capt John Langen (Sig O), MCpl Wayne Jure (031), MCpl Rick Russell (211), MCpl George Knowles (031), as well as the old mentors from courses past; MCpl Tony Morris (Rad Tech), MCpl Bill Best (211), MCpl Steve Lovett (211) and MCpl Ron Overy (031).

The lessons got underway and before long, vast amounts of knowledge was penetrating the dense crust of this group of soon-to-be signallers. Incidentally, this was the pilot course in which we integrate the "VINSON" secure voice radio equipment into the course training package. The candidates found this portion of the course very intriguing and all did quite well.

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After six weeks of classroom life, we loaded vehicles and deployed to the Mary Hill training area for a week-long confirmation exercise. The course was divided into five crews; the line det and four radio dets and each was given a map and traces of the traditional RED and BLUE forces. Skirmishes were few and far between at the outset, but on the morning of the last day the DS activated a few secret weapons and the BLUE army was soon transformed into a few tombstones here and there throughout the FEBA.

On the last evening there was for an engrossing course party during which everyone aired their opinions about the course, some more than others. Right, Pte Adam? The course redeployed to Work Point Barracks the next morning where course reports were signed and diplomas given out—you know, the customary observance.

Top Student was awarded to MCpl Pumphrey with Cpl(R) Kuk (R Scot R) only a fraction of a percentage point behind him. Congratulations to both and well done to all.

BASIC RECONNAISSANCE PATROLMAN COURSE 8801

by Lt B. McLean

After an illustrious disembarkation leave following our Cyprus tour, Recce Platoon immediately discarded its traditional camouflage (some would call them Hollywood) jackets and got on with conducting Reconnaissance Patrolman Course 8801.

Selecting instructors was a difficult task and hordes of highly motivated NCOs who had gathered at Recce Platoon with visions of securing a job as a recce terminator (uh, instructor) had to be turned back. Some notable personalities who eventually provided their valuable talents included: that famous climber, trapper and mountain rope scrounger extraordinaire, Sgt R.P. Leduc, who was making a return appearance as the Chief Instructor; and Mr Advanced Recce himself, Sgt K.R. Murphy (we still cannot figure out how the guy stretches like that on morning PT). Rumor has it that he and Gumby were buddies in TQ3. Also attending as a distributor of hardship was MCpl R.C.J. Sheppard, who being a new arrival from 2 Commando, set out to fuel the contention that "if you ain't Airborne, you ain't...". In the end, the course staff consisted of the finest crew of Rangers, Pathfinders, sky gods, snipers, climbers and all round nice guys west of the Rockies.

The final and most important ingredient still missing were the candidates. After some close scrutiny, fifteen Patricias and one Rocky Mountain Ranger stepped forward, willing to test their mettle and see if they indeed could walk the rice paper without causing a rip.

At Albert Head Cadet Camp, during the first four weeks, basic subjects and physical and spiritual superiority were taught and thoroughly practiced. The requirement for all Infanteers to master the art of navigation was reinforced! The next two weeks were dedicated to patrol skills, observation posts and numerous walk-through patrols, as well as rappelling, rock climbing, rope bridging and amphibious operations, which included mastering the technique of maintaining a straight face whilst launching your body into the Pacific Ocean in December.

After an amphibious insertion (thanks again HMCS THUNDER), the ten day final exercise consisted of endless patrols and escape and evasion. The exercise provided some memorable moments, such as MCpl CJ Fast doing his best Michael Jackson impression after bumping into a cattle fence and the look of sheer terror that developed on the students' faces when they were told that their beloved bunnies were about to become the main course. The candidates can proudly proclaim that they have seen a good portion of the majestic rain forests of B.C.



Reconnaissance Patrolman Course 8801 Back L-R—MCpl Fast, Sgt Leduc, Pte Bell Pte Galzier, Pte Johnston, MCpl Weathers, Lt McLean Front L-R—Sgt Murphy, Pte Dalton, Cpl Rancourt, Pte Buck, MCpl Sheppard

Congratulations to Cpl C.S. Mountain who was chosen the Top Candidate. A thank you to the numerous Militia units from the Victoria area who provided soldiers for the enemy force. Finally, "Well Done" to the Reconnaissance Course candidates who endured for seven long weeks and discovered the real meaning of the phrase "patrolling spirit".

RESURRECTION MEMORIAL WINDOW ST BARNABAS CHAPEL, NICOSIA, CYPRUS

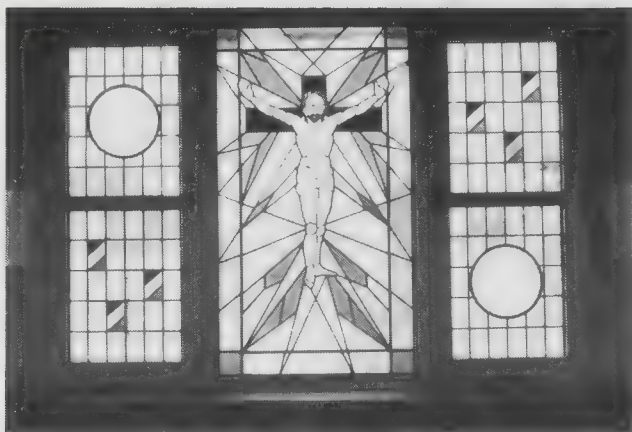
by Capt P.A. Hale

On the 10th of August 1988, a stained glass window was dedicated by all All Ranks of the Third Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry to the memory of Private Thomas Trottier. Pte Trottier died on 25 April, 1988 during a Battle PT march in the United Nations Protected Area (Nicosia Airport), Cyprus.

The window was the sixth to be installed in St Barnabas Chapel, located at Blue Beret Camp, and the first dedicated to the memory of a specific individual. The proposal was initially made by Captains Ted Moeller (Padre P) and Paul Hale (2IC Adm Coy). LCol Elliott, who had been involved with the installation of the first window in February, 1983, enthusiastically supported the idea and directed that it be completed as soon as possible.

After an active search of Cyprus, John and Katie Welch of Limassol were approached at the beginning of July and asked if they could produce a window for the chapel. Mr. Welch had never constructed church window before, but he eagerly accepted the challenge. Using sketches and ideas proposed by Capt Moeller and Hale, a final design was quickly agreed upon and in three weeks John Welch produced an outstanding example of his craftsmanship.

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The center piece of the window depicts the resurrection of Christ. It is meant to represent Christ triumphing over the blackness of death as he strides toward the viewer with this arms upraised in victory and benediction. Two of the side panels of the window consist of a series of small rectangular shades of UN blue and clear stained glass with the Regimental colours incorporated into three rectangles. The other two side panels each have an etched centerpiece. The top left has the cipher and coronet of HRH Princess Patricia while the bottom right centerpiece has the VP coronet etched onto the glass.

Col CR Wellwood, Comd CANCON, and various Staff Officers at NDHQ were instrumental in providing the funding and authority to fly Mr. Edgar Trottier and Pte Trottier's twin brother, also a member of 3 PPCLI, from Victoria to Cyprus so that they could attend the dedication. The Trottier's arrived 8 August and were hosted by Rural Coy where Pte Trottier had been employed in Coy Stores. They toured the line and various areas of the Island before attending the dedication service and following Regimental activities. They returned to Victoria on 12 August.

The window was installed in the chapel by the CANCON Engineers and on 10 August 1988 a church service was held for members of the Trottier family and the Battalion to dedicate the Resurrection Window to the memory of Pte Trottier.

Pte Thomas Trottier was a well respected soldier in the Battalion whose loss is deeply regretted by all members of the Battalion. He died on duty in the service of peace.

OUR FIRST 75 YEARS

by Captain S.M. Sawyer
(Regimental 75th Anniversary Coordinator)

In August 1914, our Regiment was founded by a man who cared deeply about his fellow man; Andrew Hamilton Gault. His indomitable spirit and his legendary feats are well chronicled in our Regimental History, but he left us with a living legacy: The Regimental Family. Our family includes those currently wearing the uniform and those who continue to serve the Regiment through their membership in the PPCLI Association. Some of our "sons" have lost contact with the Regiment and a lot of them have responded to our advertising. Our reunion should provide a great deal of opportunities to meet fellows that you haven't seen for a while.

Celebrations to mark the 75th Anniversary of our founding are planned throughout 1989, beginning on the 17th of March and ending on the 11th of November. But why, you might ask, are we making such a big deal about the 75th Anniversary? The answer, I believe, was best expressed by Rod Middleton, President of the PPCLI Association: "1989 is, in all likelihood, the last opportunity that we will have to gather, in one place, representatives from every generation of the Regimental Family".

By the time this Patrician is published, observances of our 75th anniversary will have begun. The First Battalion will have exercised the Freedom of the City of Calgary in conjunction with Regimental Day celebrations, the Second Battalion will have commemorated Kapyong Day and the Europe-based Patricians will have recognized the fact that we have the Freedom of the City of Ypres. Wherever Patricians are gathered, there will have been celebrations of Regimental Day on 17 March.

Across the country there will be a variety of activities occurring. The following is a brief description of events. They are listed from West to East and not chronologically.

The Third Battalion will exercise the Freedom of the Cities of Victoria and Esquimalt on 24 June and plan on Trooping the Colour on 1 July. They have invited the current and all former Colonels of the Regiment to attend the Trooping. On 22 July, 3 PPCLI will provide support to the Thompson/Okanagan Branch of the PPCLI Association. The ceremony will take place in Vernon Military Camp and will be a dedication of a cairn built by the Association members to honour those members of the Regiment who have ever trained in Vernon.

As we move further east, the Albertan Patricians have a number of activities in addition to those previously mentioned. The Freedom of the City of Edmonton will be exercised by the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI) and the Battle School on 10 June. The First Battalion and the Regimental Band will be entering a float and marching contingent into the Calgary Stampede Parade on 7 July. On the last Saturday of the Stampede, 15 July, the First Battalion and the Regimental Band will fire a 'feu de joie' during the Grandstand Show.

In Winnipeg, the Second Battalion will exercise the Freedom of the City on 24 June. In Atlantic Canada, a Memorial Service will be held on 4 May with the serving and retired Patricians and the St Mary's Band. On 8 August, the Colonel-in-Chief will welcome all newly commissioned officers into the Regiment through the presentation to them of their cap badges.

The National Reunion planning is proceeding in high gear. If you have not received your information/registration packages by the time you read this article, please phone the 75th Anniversary Office at 1-800-661-1852 and we will gladly send you one. All the logistical details are contained in the package. The following description of the events has some changes from last year's article. Rest assured that this one is up-to-date.

The first event in which most people will be interested is the opening of the "Better 'ole". Building AF-16 in Currie Barracks will be transformed into a series of trenches designed to reflect different periods of our wartime history. The "Better 'Ole" will open at 1600 hrs 10 August and will close at 2000 hrs 13 August. During this period, all other

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bar facilities in Currie Barracks will be closed in order to prevent the disintegration of our "Family Reunion" into segregated areas. The Better 'Ole will provide a meeting place for all members of the Regiment to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

The dedication of the new museum facility at 1000 hrs 11 August will be one of the most important events of the weekend. Those who have had the opportunity to see the present museum will know that we have a great collection of priceless artifacts which are presently housed in a building which does not meet museum standards for their preservation. The Regimental Museum will be relocated in part of the Museum of the Regiments which will be in what is now the Sir Sam Steele School in the Currie PMQ area.

Following the museum dedication, you will have the opportunity to tour the facility before attending a luncheon on the museum grounds. You won't have time to be idle though, because you will be transported to the Currie Parade Square at 1400 hrs to view a military display put on by members of the First Battalion. The display will take the form of a series of skits and musical presentations that will walk you through the First 75 Years in an entertaining form.

At 1900 hrs, 11 August, the PPCLI Association will host their members at a dinner and concert to be held in the Calgary Convention Centre. The concert will be a variety of performances by the Regimental Band, the Corps of Drums and a few surprise acts that Rod Middleton is working on. We have invited the Royal Green Jackets Peninsula Band as well as the Edmonton City Police Pipe Band to participate in this event.

The next day, 12 August, begins at 1200 hrs at which time you will be transported to Currie Barracks to attend a luncheon. Following lunch, we will expect everyone to be seated around the Currie Parade Square by 1400 hrs to view the Regimental Trooping the Colours. Guards will be provided by 1, 2 and 3 PPCLI and 2 Airborne Commando. The Colours of all units will be on parade as well as our Regimental Band, the Units' Corps of Drums, the Old Guard, the Royal Green Jackets Band and the Edmonton City Police Pipe Band.

At 1900 hrs, there will be an All Ranks Dinner and Dance on Rifles Field. We will have a huge tented complex set up with entertainment provided by Mart Kenny and his orchestra (for those over 40), the Goode Brothers Band (for those with cowboy boots) and an, as yet unannounced, rock group (for those who like it loud).

On Sunday, 13 August, we will offer bus tours to points of interest in the area. Buses will depart at approximately 0900 hrs and will be brought back to Calgary in plenty of time to freshen up prior to attending the barbecue at Currie Barracks. The final event, beginning at 2000 hrs will be a Sunset Ceremony on the parade square.

The weekend will have finally drawn to a close and we will part having made new friends, renewed old acquaintances and having had a good time at our "Family Reunion".

One other major event of importance is the ceremony on Parliament Hill with the R22eR. The celebration will begin with the launching of the 75th Anniversary stamps of both Regiments on 8 September. On 9 September, the parade will take place with the Patricia representatives coming from the Second Battalion and 2 Airborne Commando. The R22eR will have a similar contingent on parade as they too are celebrating their 75th anniversary. The reviewing offi-

cer will be the Governor-General of Canada in his capacity as the Commander in Chief of the armed forces.

Following the parade, there will be lunch in the concourse of NDHQ. That evening, the Patricias will host an all ranks ball in the Chateau Laurier Hotel.

On Sunday, 10 September, the Regiment will hold a parade in Lansdowne Park—the site of the first parade on 12 August 1914. There will be march to the PPCLI cairn in the park, followed by a memorial service. The final event will be a farewell luncheon prior to dismissal to your duties.

The 75th Anniversary mailing list has grown tremendously over the past 14 months. If you know of anyone who ever served the Regiment with a Patricia or a service support cap badge, please ensure that they know about the celebrations.

Al the inheritors of our founder's legacy, it is up to each and every one of us to ensure that his spirit pervades every event of the celebration of The First 75 Years.

CANADIAN AIRBORNE CENTRE



During 1988 the Patricia's at the Canadian Airborne Centre were very busy.

Throughout the year CABC carried on the Airborne tradition, overcoming all challenges.

CABC Continued to graduate a high standard of student in all of its courses. At the Parachute Training Company under the command of Major Karl Gotthardt, things are running smoothly, although at time we've been overdosed on German war films and are suspicious of the secret meetings which include Capt Schmidt and Capt Witt. The Patricia's posted into CABC this summer include Major Gotthardt, Capt Vida, Capt Haverstock, Sgt Taylor, Sgt Maxwell, Sgt Meier, Sgt Estey, and Sgt McLean. Everyone has settled down to the routine of instructing and because of the lack of aircraft this fall, which resulted in the cancellation of the November Basic Para Serial, we had the opportunity to sharpen up our hunting skills and were offered the opportunity to conduct a Parachute Instructor Symposium.

Weapons training in 1988 progressed smoothly even though for some it was their first use of the C7. Nevertheless, the majority of people at CABC managed to score marksman with the C7, including RSM Collier, although there was a shortage of rounds after he had fired. *Continued*



Sgt Taylor is promoted by LCol Bondurant



Standing: WO Topham, Sgt Meier, Sgt Estey, Sgt McLean, MWO Jacquard, Sgt Taylor, MCpl Cuthbert, Sgt Maxwell, WO White, WO Bartlett

Seated: CWO Collier, Capt Witt, Maj Gotthardt, Capt CC Smith, Capt Vida

Missing: Capt Schmidt, Capt Haverstock, Capt Ali-Khan, Sgt Bolen, Sgt Boyling, Sgt Gordon, Sgt Hayden

The Airborne Trials and Evaluation Section (ATES) has been on the go with a number of projects. Things have been so hectic there that Capt Witt was not allowed to retire. Capt Witt was officially dined-out in October 1988. He took advantage of this opportunity to pass on lessons learned over his long period of service. His advice and experience will be missed by all ranks once he retires for good in April 1989. We at CABC, and I assume we speak for all ranks in the Patricias, wish Ed and Janet an enjoyable retirement in BC.

As for the Sky Hawks, they continue to do the military proud with their parachuting demonstrations. However, it would make things easier for the rest of us if we didn't have to listen to these poor individuals tell of all the hardships they suffered in Australia.

In conclusion, 1988 was busy, yet enjoyable and rewarding. The Patricias at CABC look forward to 1989 and the 75th Anniversary and many here plan to make the pilgrimage to Calgary to rekindle old friendships and join in the celebrations.

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2 Commando Diary 1988

As usual, 2 Commando experienced an eventful year which covered everything from good old airborne operations to practising possible DCO scenarios through to security for the Economic Summit in Toronto. The following are a few excerpts from the unit Diary.



Capt Witt tests new freefall equipment



Maintaining vigilance at the Economic Summit in Toronto

Jan-Mar. The new year was heralded in with yet another warning order and on 11 January preparation for EX LIGHTNING STRIKE began in earnest. This was going to be a formation test exercise for the Special Service Force in defence of Canada Operations.

As the battle for northern Canada developed, the Canadian Airborne Regiment deployed to Edmonton for tasks in the western Arctic. It was here on 24 January that 2 Cdo received detailed orders for a para assault to recapture INUVIK airfield. The mood was well established under "SITUATION—MET"; wind-chill factor was seasonally average at -83 C. 2 Cdo prepared for the worst.

The jump onto Dolomite Lake went well except for Tpr Faulds, 6 Platoon. In the process of landing on the roof of the only cabin within 20km, he sheered off the TV antenna and his rucksack went through the front door. Much to everyone's surprise, the owner was ecstatic and overjoyed with all the excitement.

The seizing of the airfield was quick yet methodical as platoons leapfrogged through the built-up area. E Bty(Para) was under command and was employed largely in the role of infantry since indirect fire had a limited role in the mission.

For five days, 2 Cdo held the perimeter of the airfield and maintained vital point guards. F18 fighters flew in to establish their forward operating base, once we were secure. What we simply could not understand was why the pilots and aircrew insisted on sleeping in hotels, 15km away, when the airfield was so well protected.

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WO Charlebois and Sgt Hamilton "Hold the Fort" during the Economic Summit

Following EX LIGHTNING STRIKE, 2 Cdo began to concentrate, once again, on platoon level patrolling skills and live fire attack. For the next two months, cross-country skiing and overnight exercises were the routine.

Apr. As the weather gradually warmed 2 Cdo began preparations for EX NORTHERN STRIKE. The warning order on 8 April explained that military hostages were being held in a remote area of the NORTH BAY airfield. 2 Cdo had the task of getting them out.

The mission involved a para drop, long range infiltration in small groups and platoon size raids to free hostages. This was an exciting exercise particularly for Tpr Wheaton. He was the first member of the Cdn Forces to get "hung up" and then be successfully retrieved back into the aircraft.

Equally excited was the PORT STICK on Wheatons' plane; they got the green light once he was back inside.

May—Jul. Following a well deserved break, 2 Cdo prepared for PETCON 88. The entire Special Service Forces was concentrated in the Petawawa training area and so range time was at a premium. For 2 Cdo, most work was live-fire. The training began at the individual level and work-ups completed in a short series of Commando size exercises.



Major P.G. Kenward hands over command of 2 Commando to Major D.J. Pentney



Concurrent activity in the Canadian Airborne Regiment

Aug. This month heralded the arrival of many new additions to 2 Cdo and this period is highlighted by the Airborne Indoctrination Course (AIC). The course consists of six days of general military training, all with an airborne flavour to it. Unarmed combat, equipment rigging and demolitions are but a few of the topics covered. Naturally, the intellect works better when the body is stimulated as well so the new paratroopers were subjected to plenty of running, push-ups, chin-ups and even a swim in the frigid waters of the Ottawa River. The AIC is officially ended when the Regimental Commander hand an airborne coin to each new member of the Regiment on the parade square; and a new life begins for those who receive them.

August was also a time for old soldiers to gather in Petawawa, as the 20th Anniversary of the Airborne Regiment was celebrated in grand style. The attractions included a Sunset Ceremony by 2 Cdo, an outdoor tattoo for the public to attend and a whole host of social functions, from dances to dinners to barbecues. The anniversary celebration was the culminating point of many months of planning and preparation and 2 Cdo certainly contributed their share to the show.

Sep. This month was busy as well, as the newly reorganized commando shook themselves out in a series of platoon level training exercises. These exercises ranged from hostage rescue to ambushes to blowing up missile sites but they all had these common characteristics: well motivated troops carrying out challenging missions with uncommon speed and violence. Some of the shine is taken off this image when we recall the long flights via CC130 (Hercules) during which we valiantly struggled to keep our last meal from coming up again!

Oct. This month holds an annual treat for 2 Cdo—EX BURMA RIG. This exercise involves our regimentally affiliated militia brother, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (Loyal Eddies) and the Royal Westminster Regiment. Last year, 2 Cdo had acted as enemy force for the militia but this time around we were on their side. The mission was to locate, picket and seize a Russian radar installation which had been inserted deep in the heart of Camp Wainwright and a night off in Edmonton (a zesty combination!), and after a day of battle procedure the troops, Reg Force and Reserve alike, jumped into DZ RIFLE RIDGE. Led by an 2 Cdo recce element, the militia force successfully assaulted the enemy installation and captured valuable comms equipment.

Dec. This is another month with special meaning for the SSF, as "Menton Days" traditionally falls in this period. Menton is a town in southern France where the 1st SSF were disbanded in 1944 and the US and Canadian members of those units reunite once a year. This year the Americans flew north to visit us and promptly began breaking themselves in large numbers on our DZ ANZIO (which is usually the safest DZ in NATO, but with the coming of winter, was hard and unforgiving). The Canadian hosts gave their guests a chance to win back some respect in the local "watering holes", but that is an adventure for other pages.

The Christmas wind-down in 2 Cdo is far from mellow—one day of live fire bunker assaults with grenades and M-72s, followed by two days of section winter skills competition and only **then** does the unit consider parties and festivities.

THE PPCLI BATTLE SCHOOL

by Lieutenant I.M Bogart, Assistant Adjutant

Recruit Company

1988 Started slowly for Recruit Company giving no indication of the avalanche of recruits to follow in the second half of the year. Capt Pollock enjoyed the slow pace so much that in August he retired to Leadership Company, where the JLC PT program is more suitable for a man of his advanced years and experience. The CSM, WO Goebel, also left the company for greener pastures in 1 PPCLI. New personalities to the Company were Capt J.D. Kyle, WO G.M. Smith, Sgts J.D. Butters and A. Stander, and MCpl G.A. Trenholm, all Fallex-hardened veterans from 2 PPCLI with the exception of WO Smith who took a yearlong detour through French Language Training before arriving in town (rumor has it that after hearing the DCO speak, the career manager is of the impression that English is not the primary language of work

at the Battle School). It soon became painfully obvious to all of them, however, that the Wainwright training area offered no Gasthauses, Tanzbars or generous beer-laden locals.

For those who have not instructed, observed, or participated in Recruit training recently, some interesting events have been added to the course. These include an 11 day final exercise, a visit to a local slaughterhouse for some "hands-on" training and the always popular Commanding Officers' Rambo Run. The menu for the introductory exercise has also been changed from the standard scrawny chickens to the gourmet fare of farm-fattened quail or duck.

The officers and NCOs of Recruit company are also given the awesome responsibility of training the first female infantry recruits. Despite the intense media buildup, it was business as usual and training continued unimpeded. Three mixed-gender platoons, with a total of 26 females, commenced training in 1988. One platoon graduated with no females successfully completing the course and the other two platoons will graduate in early 1989.

The results of recruit training in 1988 are summarized below:

COURSE/SERIAL	TOP CANDIDATE			MOST FIT	GRADS	POSTING
	MOST IMPROVED	MARKSMAN				
	(Ptes)	(Ptes)	(Ptes)	(Ptes)		
Kapyong 8804	Bailey	Olsen	Cooper	Favasoli	30	1 PPCLI
Leonforte 8805	Reid	Synder	Jackson	Kafka	41	1 PPCLI
Gothic Line 8806	Homeniuk	Anderson	Franck	Parsons	33	1 PPCLI
Korea 8807	Greco	Richter	Stephenson	Clemons	15	3 PPCLI
France & Flanders 8820	Scott	Desormeaux	Yakabowich	Anderberg	20	2 PPCLI

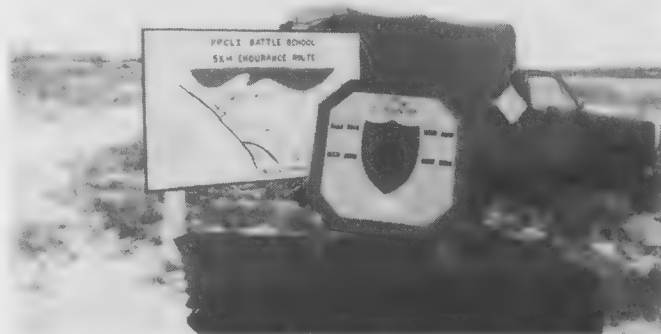
Leadership Company

Once again, it is time for our annual report. The past year here at the Battle School has been busy and interesting. The posting season has brought in fresh troops and let those who needed a rest move on to the Battalions.

The promotions this year were limited but graciously accepted by those concerned. In particular, we congratulate WO Colton on his promotion to MWO and subsequent posting to 2 PPCLI as a Company Sergeant-Major.

In total, eight leadership platoons were in training at various times during the year. Of historical note, the much talked about Rambo Run was established in the Spring of 1988. The run was established to meet the requirement for progressive physical training and to promote inter-platoon competition. A training platoon, as a whole, participates in the timed 5 kilometer cross-country run during the latter part of their course. The platoon, with full fighting order and all support weapons, is assessed penalty minutes for soldiers and kit not crossing the finish line. LCol R.P. Bragdon, former CO of the Battle School, donated a trophy which is emblematic of the platoons holding the current best times. The trophy has four categories for the different training platoons: JLC, CLC, ISCC and Recruit Platoons. The current record holder is ISCC 8802 with a timed run of 32 minutes, 36 seconds.

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The line of departure for the 5km Rambo Run, with the Rambo Run plaque in the foreground.



Rimini Line Platoon, Serial 8810, lead by Lt "One-Eye" Eyre, begins the scenic, fun-filled event.

The results of this years' production of leaders for our Regiment, the Brigade and Canadian Forces is very impressive. Statistics for leadership courses are shown in the table which follows:

COURSE	SERIAL	TOP CANDIDATE	UNIT	GRADS
JLC	8801	Cpl Glass NE	1 Svc Bn	33
JLC	8802	Cpl Symes KM	1 PPCLI	28
JLC	8803	Cpl Uetz WE	3 RCHA	38
CLC	8801	Cpl Miharaja GL	1 CBG Sigs	21
CLC	8802	Gnr Shortt JP	3 RCHA	29
ISCC	8801	Cpl Croucher LR	1 PPCLI	26
ISCC	8802	Pte Greenough DC	1 PPCLI	30
ISCC	8804	Cpl Rideout GR	2 PPCLI	26

Training Support Company

From December through March, the work load in Training Support was considerably reduced in direct consequence to the lack of recruits at the Battle School. Probably the most demanding thing OC Trg Sp did during this unusually slow term was to race OC Recruit Coy to Coffee Breaks and plan more time in the Camp Gym. The winter tedium was amplified by the fact that the annual Advanced Winter Warfare Course was conducted in December of the previous year, thus there was no FMC sponsored trek inside the Arctic Circle during 1988. As well, due to the rotation of 408 Tac Hel Sqn to the Sinai, no winter Rappel Master serials were conducted.

Despite the slow winter and the lack of courses in-house, the RQMS, WO Smith, used his time well in catching up on backlogged work requests. The Tpt NCO, Sgt Lawler, was also allowed ample time to redecorate both the interior and exterior of Bldg 164. Other sought-after positions in Trg Sp Coy such as Ammo NCO and Library NCO provided the necessary challenges for MCpl Weibe and Sgt Gates respectively. In addition, the appointment of Holding Platoon NCO captured a number of Sr NCOs—one of whom would care to be mentioned.

Immediately after the Easter Break, Recruit training began in earnest and with it the demands in support increased proportionately. Still, no one in the Coy could complain of stress-related overwork symptoms. The RQ had time to juggle his "overages" so that he might turn over his duties to WO Spellens. Likewise, Sgt Lawler was able to escape to Recruit Company leaving the trucks in the capable hands of Sgt Desjardins. Sgt Gates was pried reluctantly away from the library and forced back into instructional duties. MCpl Weibe soldiered on in the TDMs.

All of this activity progressively increased with the passage of summer and the addition of several new recruit platoons to the nominal roll. Perhaps most notable of the RQs' new challenges was the problem of selecting colour-coded shower curtains to divide bed spaces in the recently designated mixed-gender quarters. A problem indeed when given only the tawdry options of the local CE and Camp Supply sections. With the pace now set, Trg Sp Coy raced into the fall leadership cycle.

For those not overly aware of how the Battle School obtains equipment for support of extra courses, you shouldn't bother to ask. Mothers were right when they said not to borrow things from the same people all the time.

Nevertheless, there are no Mothers (verified at date of writing) at the Battle School to remind us of this guidance. Hence, we did it every year as a test of friendship and tolerance. 1988 being no exception, the LdSH were only too glad to sign over eighteen of their abandoned vehicles. 1 PPCLI and 3 PPCLI were equally as magnanimous in lending their C7s. FMC was cordial to provide extra C9s and HQ 1 CBG staff officers were only too glad to act as front men for our requests. In the end, the RQs' inventory wound up doubled and his staff halved (through the help of LOTRP). On the positive side, the demands of maintaining the extra equipment made everybody on Camp Wainwright feel less like a REMF and little bit closer to the Battle School.

We are not only so bold as to deplete other units of the equipment, we also place demands on personnel without blushing at all. For those instructors, drivers, medics and mechanics from other 1 CBG units we are grateful. Not grateful enough, however, to pay extra money (as attested by the number of Redresses of Grievance form attach-posted drivers). We do nevertheless, sincerely express our appreciation to all of those from the units who have served with Training Support Company during 1988.

While Trg Sp Coy, like any support group, tends to be inconspicuous in its operation, imagination must therefore sometimes be used to inspire greater attention to individual efforts. Accordingly, in the fall of 1988, Trg Sp Coy hosted a sketching contest, open to all, in an attempt to improve morale. The final judging was tough with entries many and varied. Second place was taken by Capt Pollocks' poster-size charcoal of "O Group Doodles", easily beating Capt Kyles' coloured panorama of "October Media Day". Surprisingly, an outside entry from 1 PPCLI won the contest, as judged impartially by OC Trg Sp. MWO Springs' beautifully crayoned and finger-painted version of "How I Recovered From Optical Rectitis" stimulated all the viewers' senses, especially with the addition of his "scratch and sniff" stickers.



Just another casual day for Holding Platoon, laying around soaking up the rays.

Battle School Small Arms Team

For the first time in recent memory the Battle School entered a team in this years 1 CBG Small Arms Competition, held in Calgary between 20–24 June 1988. Team members WO PA Ayerst, Sgts JS Adair and PW Pawler and MCpl GA Treger, cleaned up in the Minor Unit Rifle Competition, winning almost every available medal. WO Ayerst finished in second place overall in rifle and third place in pistol competition while Sgt Adair placed third overall in rifle shooting.

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In addition; Sgt Lawler captured the Top Tyro award in pistol shooting and Sgt Adair took the Toy Tyro award in the rifle category. Besides the 25 individual medals which team members won, the team took home the following trophies:

- Minor Unit High Aggregate
- Champion Rifle Team (Minor Unit)
- Top Team Deliberate Fire
- Top Team Rapid Fire
- Top Team Snap Shooting
- Champion Team—Falling Plates
- Pistol Team—Service Conditions



The PPCLI Battle School Small Arms Team poses before the secret weapon they used to capture the rapid fire, snap shooting and falling plates competition.

Battle School Headquarters

The summer season saw a change of Commanding Officers at the Battle School as LCol Ron Bragdon turned over to LCol "Hap" Stutt on 29 June 1988. The Brigade Commander, BGen Reay, observed the ceremonies and some of LCol Bragdon's old friends from CABC "dropped-in" to mark the occasion. LCol Bragdon has moved to CFLCSC in Kingston where he serves as a member of the Directing Staff.



Friday mornings at the Battle School are reserved for CO's parades. "Okay men, we'll try it once more. Now remember, when I say 'Right Dress', try to get in a straight line."

As for the rest of the Headquarters Staff, life goes on. The Chief Clerk was promoted to the rank of WO in September, Cpl Baiden and Pte Brooks keep the Orderly Room straight and the Adjutant busy and the DCO has gotten another year older. Ruth, the CO's secretary, and the real brains behind the scenes, continues to keep our heads above water and our behinds out of the fire as the headquarters staff grapples to adjust to the no smoking, mixed-gender, bilingual way of life.



LCol Bragdon refuses to turn over command to LCol Stutt by claiming "My pen doesn't work."



Years' Highlights in Brief

Pte Melvin to Pte Carrington: "You're so lazy you get up an hour before reveille so you can spend more of the day sitting around."

JLC Platoon Commander to class: "What is another principle of good leadership—you there—what's your name?" "Know your men's names, sir!"

Capt Squires, while visiting Wainwright and commenting on a particularly corpulent female guest in the Officers' Mess: "I like looking at her from behind; when she walks it looks like two Boy Scouts fighting inside a pup tent".

Unarmed Recruit to unidentified Instructor in throwing bay of grenade range: "What happens if I drop the grenade. Master Corporal? Do I run?" "You won't be able to run, my boy, you'll be slipping in my *#!?"

THE REGIMENTAL BAND

by Sgt R. Branchaud

During 1988, the PPCLI Regimental Band was involved in a wide variety of activities ranging from military parades to civilian concerts. Variety is indeed a way of life for a military musician.

With Calgary hosting the fifteenth Winter Olympic Games, the PPCLI Band had the honour to participate in the celebrations. In January, our Fanfare Trumpets played the Olympic Fanfare at the Saddledome with nationwide coverage. In February, the same group played two additional fanfares for the Olympic Committee for the Games. On February 11, the Band participated in a Guard of Honour for the arrival of the Governor General of Canada. On February 12, we played in Airdrie for the Olympic torch Relay. The rest of February was spent preparing for the inspection by the Supervisor of Music, Commander George Morrison, CD.

The annual inspection by Cdr Morrison took place from 7 to eleven March. During this time the Marching, Dance and Concert Bands were put through their paces. The long hours of attention to military and musical detail paid off in the band being given a highly satisfied nod by the Supervisor. The lone candidate this year for OQ 6B was Sgt Van der Linden. He was granted this qualification after undergoing a rigorous exam before a board chaired by the Supervisor of Music. Congratulations to now, WO Van der Linden.

In April, we bid "Adieu" to our CWO Robert Fowler who left us to assume duties as Assistant Director of Music for the Vimy Band in CFB Kingston. Our incoming Assistant Director of Music was CWO Ed Norquay from the RCR Band in Gagetown.

Our summer months are always our busiest and this summer proved no different. The band was involved in a variety of military and civilian commitments. Everything from an appearance at Spruce Meadows for the Spruce Meadows Nationals, to the farewell dinner for Colonel Vernon the Deputy Commander of Base Calgary.

In June, our strength was increased to 50 personnel by the addition of 15 reserves on "B" Class callout. After a few weeks of rehearsals we were off to the World Famous Nova Scotia Tattoo for ten days. For those of you who have seen the Tattoo on Halifax, you know what an exciting and challenging week it was. This in fact, turned out to be a dress rehearsal for our participation in Army Tattoo '88 celebrat-

ing Australia's Bicentennial. We returned to Calgary just in time to make our annual appearance in the Calgary Stampede Parade and performed a Feu de Joie with a Honour Guard for Armed Forces Day at the Stampede. We finished off July with Sarcee Indian Days Parade and two Change of Command Parades: 1 CBG HQ & Sigs Squadron and CFB Shilo both changing Commanding Officers.

With summer being posting season we had several postings in and out. Posted in are: WO Pineault from CFMSMUS, Sgt Emberson from the Vimy Band in Kingston and Ptes' Keibel, Foster and Picard from CFMSMUS. On the flip side of the coin, CWO Henry was posted to the Vimy Band in Kingston, WO Smith was posted to CFMSMUS in Borden, WO Reece and Cpl Mosveen to the Naden Band in Victoria. WO Reece was a Patricia for 25 years, and this was a very sad loss to the Regiment. MWO Barlow retired after serving 35 and a half years in the Canadian Forces. We will miss him. Good Luck ED!

September began our lengthy preparation for our two and a half month tour to Australia. Captain Embree had his hands full rehearsing the concert and parade band as well as preparing the 3974 kilos of equipment for shipment 'down under'. After all was said and done and a mountain of paperwork processed, we departed for Australia on October 2nd. The 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment and 2 PPCLI fought together in Korea in the Battle of Kapyong and were awarded the United States Presidential Citation for their heroism. In recognition of this, the PPCLI Regimental Band was invited to represent the Regiment in Army Tattoo '88, the Australian Armys' contribution to Australias' Bicentennial.

Our tasking was musical support for Army Tattoo '88 and in that capacity we performed for a variety of military and civilian functions in addition to the Tattoo itself. Over the 2 and a half month period, the band toured five major cities in Australia; Perth, Adelaide, Hobart (Tasmania), Melbourne and Canberra. We joined a cast of over 1200 military personnel from Australia, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the United States. As Patricias it was indeed a honour for us to represent both the Regiment and Canada in an event as prestigious and significant as Australias' Bicentennial.

1988 was a year of variety, change and travel for the band, but as all can see it was a very fulfilling year.





EXTRA-REGIMENTALLY-EMPLOYED (ERE) PATRICIAS



VP (VANCOUVER PATRICIAS)

YES, that's Vancouver Harbour and North Van behind us, and YES, that's *#!!! SNOW all around us, and NO, BGen J.E.L. Golner, DGRC (centre) did not bring it with him from Ottawa! From photo left: MWO VJ Woolley, HQ PMA; MCpl JE Markwart, MWO RM Scrafton and Capt E Wrights, ass RSS with the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada; distinguished visitor; Capt RAH Parker, HQ PMA; WO CA Robertson, RSSWO with the Royal Westminster Regiment; MWO JP Johnston, HQ PMA; and MCpl T Wallace, also with the R Westmr Regt. Missing from this (normally smug) assemblage is Sgt WB Bennett, CFRC Vancouver, suffering from that rate west-coast ailment: SNOW-SHOCK!

THE PATRICIAS OF CFB CHILLIWACK

by Capt B.J. Bartlett

Removed but not forgotten, the Patricias of CFB Chilliwack carry on maintaining the standard. Involved in most every aspect of CFB Chilliwack's operation, the bulk of which are employed at the Canadian Forces Officer Candidate School. However, Major N.E. Pope continues responsibilities at Base Headquarters as the Base Ops Officer and recently augmenting his staff on Class B service were Warrant Officers Gill Hopkins and Bill Picken.

Candidates of CFOCS are well versed in PPCLI history by the time they depart for classification training and carry with them the memory of the "Red and White Flash".

The Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering is staffed by WO Fall and Sgt Smith providing the general military training to the "Sappers". While Capt Neuman stepped in as a tactics expert this posting season replacing Capt "Rags" Duncan who left for greater things at CFB Gagetown.

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"Skill At Arms" Sgt Dymond 1st Place FNCL CFOCS



"Skill At Arms" Capt Bartlett 1st Place 9mm Pistol CFOCS

Volleyball continues to be a favorite pastime here and this year Capt Hunt successfully completed this staff endeavor returning this fall with many fascinating "Fact or Fiction" proposals.

CFOCS skill at arms was once again swept by Patricia's in the FNC1 and 9mm pistol classification. The rifle competition was won once again by Sgt Dymond and the pistol shoot captured again by Capt Bartlett, both ex 3 PPCLI members.

New additions to the ERE Patricias were Sgt Wiseman, Sgt Stennes and MCpl Kay. Also new to the illustrious rank of CWO was Mr Reibin. Today CFOCS, tomorrow a battalion. 1988 became the retirement year of WO Hopkins. Although he can still be seen lurking in Base Ops. Is retirement that exciting?

Pumping through thousands of officer candidates, engineering officers and sappers is an arduous task that has been met by all ERE Patricias here. This may be quite the challenge and may require long hours but being in the Fraser Valley certainly can be considered as compensation. We look forward to seeing many of you at our 75th in Calgary in 1989.

BORDEN PATRICIAS

by Capt W. Semianiw

This past year was extremely busy for all Borden and area Patricias, both Regimentally and with their primary duties, as the Militia, Base and all schools experienced an increase in their training requirements.

The posting season witnessed a large turnover of personnel, with the arrival from Regimental Duty of Sgt JL Vigue, Sgt RD Baily, WO S Stapleford and MWO S Kozlik. Departing Borden were Sgt B Tasco to the CTC at CFB Gagetown, WO J Hyslop back to Regimental Duty with 2 PPCLI, and Capt MR Hodgkinson to NDHQ. Once all moves were completed, the Patricia presence at CFB Borden and the area had increased from eleven to thirteen Patricias.

Cpl PC Pearson, MCpl GM Weinraugh and Sgt M Anderson continued to maintain the Patricia presence with the Grey and Simcoe Foresters. Cpl PC Pearson and Sgt M Anderson were employed at the Barrie Armouries while MCpl GM Weinraugh was employed at the Grey and Simcoe Foresters Headquarters located in Owen Sound. On the Base side, Sgt JL Vigue was employed at Base Operations and Training, as Sgt RD Baily maintained the watch at Base Range Control. WO JJ Turbide, MWO S Lozlik and MWO BA Betteridge continued to greet the majority of visiting Patricias from the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical School. The balance of Patricias were employed at the Canadian Forces Leadership Academy. In particular, WO NI Bynkoski, WO B Laws and WO S Stapleford were employed



ERE Patricias "The Regimental Birthday" L-R Capt BJ Bartlett, Lt D Farley, CWO EC Simpson, CWO DP Reibin, WO "Gill" Hopkins, WO MM Lamotte



CFOCS "EX BUSHCRAFT" Unknown Patricias
"I told you not to get upset at the candidates"

at Senior Leader Company. Sgt ED Larabie was employed at Junior Leader and Basic Officer Training Company.

Regimental activities for 1988 kept our Patricias busy. Notwithstanding the many informal gatherings throughout the year, Borden and area Patricias had three formal gatherings. March 17 festivities, in the form of a luncheon experienced a large turnout of forty visiting, serving, retired and former Patricias. The afternoon afforded all the opportunity to rekindle friendships and to enjoy some camaraderie. This was followed by a founding day luncheon held on August 10. It also served as a meet and greet for all newly arrived Patricias to the Base and the area; a good time was had by all. Our final function was the 75th Anniversary briefing in November, which afforded all the opportunity to hear, first hand, of the planning and organizing for the upcoming celebrations. Of noteworthy mention during the past year, was the awarding of a Regimental Achievement Award to MCpl Rideout, presently undergoing TQ3 Military Police training. He received this award for his outstanding achievement on the Infantry Section Commanders' course, serial 8803.

Borden and area Patricias look forward to 1989 and in particular the 75th Anniversary celebrations with much anticipation. Rest assured the Regimental Spirit continues to burn strong at CFB Borden.



Borden Patricias

TORONTO AREA PATRICIAS

by Capt B.G. Bailey

The year 1988 has been good for the Patricias of the Greater Toronto Region as the Regimental presence remained significant. Col Almstrom remained the Senior Serving Patricia in the area and commenced his second year as the COS of Central Militia Area Headquarters. Maj Tweedie assumed the responsibilities of S02 OPS Coord as Maj Goodspeed was posted to the First Battalion in time to assist in the preparations for the Trooping in 1989. Another notable departure was that of Col McMurray who was promoted and posted to CDLS Washington following an enjoyable year of tutoring Majors, (in particular Majors Petney, Corry and Diakow) at the Command and Staff College. Major Diakow became so fond of Toronto that he remained as a Staff Officer at Toronto Militia District Headquarters! The only other Patricia new to the area was WO Halcrow who left the Airborne Regiment to replace WO Bludd at the Queen's Own Regiment.

The remainder of the Toronto Area Patricias remained intact with the greatest concentration employed as RSS in Toronto Militia District. Capt Cunningham remained at the Headquarters while Captain Day and WO Shea supported the Toronto Scottish Regiment. Capt Waddell and MCpl Lilly continued with the 48 highlanders and Capt Wiegand and WO Halcrow, without the services of Sgt Strong, provided assistance to the Queen's Own Regiment. Captain Bailey combined with MCpl Auer to represent the Regiment in Belleville with the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment. Two other Patricias employed outside the realm of RSS were Capt Gallagher who completed the first year of the military Legal Training Plan at the university of Toronto and Sgt Fry who continued to serve at the Recruiting Centre.

The Toronto Area Patricias, in conjunction with the Toronto Branch of the Regimental Association, were again socially active. A very enjoyable Regimental Day was held at Moss Park Armories due, in large, to the support of transient Patricias who were attending courses such as Staff School. The Broom-i-loo game resulted in a scoreless tie much to the disappointment of an otherwise appreciative and exuberant audience. A very successful Frezenberg Dinner was held in May with the new Colonel-of-the-Regiment, BGen Graham, as the Guest of Honour. The next major event was an Association Dining-In held at the Downsview Officers' Mess in October. Following the dinner, all were briefed by Major (ret'd) Ron Middleton and Capt Steve Sawyer on the program and progress of the 75th Anniversary celebrations. In attendance were MGen Herb Pitts, who has relocated to the Toronto area and Col Syd Frost, whose recently published *Once A Patricia* is excellent reading.

On a more sombre vein, Mr David Pierce, a World War I Veteran, passed away in the Fall. He will best be remembered for the poems which he composed and presented at Regimental Day celebrations. The Regiment was well represented at his funeral thereby insuring a strong military presence. All in all the Patricias' extended family is vibrant both in spirit and substance in the heart of Upper Canada but nonetheless, many are looking forward to travelling west to participate in the 75th Anniversary celebrations.

KINGSTON PATRICIAS

There are some members of the Regiment who would argue that our battalion in Victoria is the best of all postings for a Patricia, but those serving here in Kingston would probably point out that if you can't be with a battalion, this is the next best place to be.

The arrival of HQ CDN Div has added some new members to the local Patricia family. Maj Mike Ray and Capt Stan Willow are now wearing the Red Patch. They share the same office, referred to as either an "expertise call" or an "isolation ward", depending on who you talk to.

Capt Cliff Jamison at the Kingston Recruiting detachment is the man responsible for encouraging the local boys towards service in the "best" Infantry regiment. This is sometimes difficult with his CELE counterpart assuring potential recruits that sunny Kingston is the home for all signallers.

Providing infantry support to 1 CSR is a section led by Sgt MP McManus and Sgt J Quanz with MCpl Salazer OD, Cpl Bell RT, Cpl Caljouw SM, Cpl Carriere RE and Cpl Soucy YP.

Also up on the hill are Capt Dave Barr and MCpl Downs J who teach basic Infantry skills to the young officers at the School of Communications and Electronics, with the help of Cpl R Hanna.

Representing the Regiment at the Royal Military College is Maj Lew Grimshaw, who is completing a Post Graduate degree.

The walls of Fort Frontenac saw a record number of PPCLI officers (sixteen!) graduate this year from the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College. Presently serving on the directing Staff are LCol Ron Bragdon, Al Johnston and Jack English. Coordinating their work at the Fort is Capt John McComber, ably assisted by Sgt Mark Atwood.

The Kingston Patricias played broom-i-loo on the ice this year, in keeping with local tradition. Victory went to the officers, primarily due to a superiority in numbers.

OTTAWA AREA (THE EYE OF THE STORM)

by Captain BS Wyatt

Another year has passed for the lost generations of the Regiment here in our nations' capital. There are over fifty members of the Regiment serving in NDHQ and at various locations throughout the city. We are the unheralded guardians of common sense and the "Infantry Way" in this city of the civil servant and bureaucratic double-speak.

Our main positions with the area are in Ottawa Militia District where we have a firm hold of RSS positions and in CLDO Branch within NDHQ where we maintain a strong guiding hand. With LGen de Chastelain in the VCDS chair and BGen Gollner as DGRC we have ensured a high profile for the Regiment in the corridors of power.

The regular monthly Patricia luncheons in the Army Officers' Mess continue but someone is still falling short in the ration section. Popcorn, pretzels and barley sandwiches may be fine for you "Old Timers" but we, young and vital single officers, require sustenance. Believe it or not but com-

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plaints have even been heard from staff officers that they would be unable to push the requisite amount of paper due to malnutrition. The main purpose of these luncheons, of course, has been to allow officers to reacquaint themselves with members of the Regiment thought only to exist in the Regimental history.

It was the honour of the Ottawa officers this year to "mug out" six members of the Regiment. In mid-August we said good-bye to MWO D.J. MacDonell who retired after 35 years service. The ceremony was well attended with Major-General Pitts, Major-General Hewson and Lieutenant-General Belzile in attendance. At the end of August we said farewell to five long-serving officers of the Regiment: Colonel Phil Roy, LCol Roger Beauregard and Nes Tombu as well as Majors Harry Bloom and Dave Brigden. Although they have completed their service to the Regiment in uniform they continue to serve out of uniform in the Ottawa area. Good luck and best wishes.

The annual ceremony held by the Association at Lansdowne Park on 11 November went off without a hitch and was well attended by Patricias and their families. Also in attendance were representatives of the Korean and Dutch governments—both of whom laid wreathes. It was a moving experience for all concerned, especially for we more junior members, to take part in a ceremony held at the location of the formation of the Regiment. It is a very simple and dignified memorial and the service was conducted in a like manner.

Preparations for the 75th Anniversary are very much apace here in Ottawa. Most plans have been finalized and we look forward to the vast influx of Patricias on the weekend of 9–11 September 1989.

QUEBEC PATRICIAS—1988

by Capt N.A. Kaduck

Last year's Patrician article explained how the first wave of a PPCLI invasion force had seized a beachhead in La Belle Province and was paving the way for a full scale occupation of our Regiment's ancestral homeland. Unfortunately, Phase Two, which would have seen the conversion of the Quebec Citadel to a PPCLI stronghold and the airlifting of the Rosslyn Hotel to Valcartier, has been put on indefinite hold due to budget restrictions.

Disappointed but defiant, the Patricia-guerriers have vowed to stay on in the land of high taxes and crazy drivers, toughing out another chinook-less winter at FMCHQ as we bravely churn out the memos and staff papers that make this such a great country.



A BUNCH OF THE BOYS WERE WHOOPING IT UP . . .

(Front L to R) Brig Coleman, MGen Foster, Brig de Lalanne, LGen de Chastelain, Col Sutherland, BGen Mackenzie, Maj Chambers

(Center) CWO Arndt, Capt Orr, Maj Bailey, WO Thibault, Capt Creighton, WO Smith, WO Latreille, Capt Giraldeau, LCol Calvin, Capt Vida

(Back) LCol Romses, WO McArdle, Capt Fredrickson, LCol Girard, Capt MacDonald, Capt Willis, Maj Liggett, LCol Tymchuk

Our latest manifesto, with various French expletives deleted, is reproduced below, left column.

COMMUNIQUE DE LA LEGION ETRANGERE (Notes from an Unfamiliar Legion Hall)

1988 saw the Quebec Branch of the Patricia Mafia, if not matching last year's phenomenal growth, at least holding its own. The annual changing of the guard meant that we said good-bye to CWO George Arndt (NDHQ) Capt Gerry Vida (off to Basic Para training) and Capt Ken Faulkner (swanning in Germany). WOs Dave McArdle, Glenn Smith and Bob Thibeau escaped from Language School, as did our St-Jean confrere, Sgt Jean-Louis Portelance. (Contrary to the rumor, though, LCol Jim Calvin wasn't really posted to Wolfe Island—its just that his work takes him to Kingston frequently. . .)

Even as these seven escapees jumped aboard the freedom train, a handful of worried-looking refugees were being booted out of the cattle cars. Led by Col Brian Vernon, the new HQ weenies included Maj Harry Kranenburg, Capts Dave Wilson and J.J. Martin and CWO Garry Stevens. Meanwhile, Maj Bob Thompson and Capt Steve Dunn found themselves at the school of Language Indoctrination, and Sgt Greg Melnychuk was discovered wandering the halls of the Megaplex mumbling "but I thought the career manager was my friend".

Our Valcartier outpost also experienced a major personnel shuffle, with Capts Steve Yuzwak and Malcolm Bruce traded to CFOCS and the RSS world respectively, and Lt Jon Gri making his belated entry to regimental duty. Their vacancies were filled by Capts Matt (my message said St-Jean) McDonald, Steve (ici on sprech Deutsch) Borland and Harry (lets dig-in the ambulances Jarche).

Fortunately, a hard core of long-serving (or is that long-lost) Patricia "habitants", led by MGen Kent Foster, LCol Shaun Tymchuk and Capt Kenn Orr and Kurt Frederickson, were there to help ease the culture shock among the new arrivals. Meanwhile, over on the island, Capt Scot MacDonald and Bob Saunders held the RSS fort despite the defection of their compatriot, Capt Chris Wallace, to the Int Branch. (Pretty desperate way to get a posting message if you ask me).



QUEBEC REGION'S HAPPY WARRIORS (Before and After)

(Front) CWO Garry Stevens, Maj Bob Thompson, LCol Shaun Tymchuk, Col Brian Vernon, MGen Kent Foster (Trialling new urban camouflage), LCol Ray Romses, Maj Phil Cook, Maj Harry Kranenburg, MWO Al Comeau.

(Rear) Capt Tony Kaduck, Capt Dave Wilson, Capt Mike Belanger, Capt J.J. Martin, MCpl Dan Ferron, Capt Ted Giraldeau, Capt Ian Creighton, Sgt Greg Melnychuk, Capt Ken Orr, Capt Chris Wallace, Cpl Don Mitchell, Capt Steve Dunn, Capt Scott MacDonald.

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 Sgt Greg Melnechuk, Capt Ken Orr, Capt Chris Wallace, Cpl Don
 Mitchell, Capt Steve Dunn, Capt Scott Macdonald.



SPRING 1988 EVENTS

A look back over the 1988 social calendar shows that it was a busy year for the Quebec Patricia family. We started in January with a joint birthday party for Brigadier J.A. de Lalanne and Col W.B.S. Sutherland. Guests included LGen John de Chastelain, Brig Rowan Coleman, and BGen Lou Mackenzie, as well as most of the Quebec Region PPCLI and friends. What seemed like just a good idea in the planning stages turned out to be a great success in the execution. Brigadier "Jimmy" was so pleased at the prospect of a get-together with his regiment that he was waiting out in front of his house ten minutes before the staff car was supposed to arrive. It's always a great pleasure to meet veterans from the Regiment and learn about their experiences, but we sometimes forget that they are equally eager to hear from the new generation of Patricias.



Brigadier Jimmy's Birthday Party

The next major event was the 17th of March Broom-i-loo game and dinner. A hard-fought game saw the Senior NCOs come out on top in sudden-death overtime, after a certain Capt who shall remain nameless (his initials are Giraldeau) coughed up the ball in our own end. A mixed Dining-In, held the night before, was noteworthy, not only for the delicious food and witty conversation, but also for the astronomical mess bill that followed. Rumor has it that MCpl Don L----- was caught trying to escape to Venezuela without paying.

In order to avoid any further abuse of our wallets, the next function was a July barbecue hosted by LCol and Mrs Ray Romses. Attendance was excellent and our numbers were bolstered by the appearance of several out-of-town Patricias including LCol Bill Sutherland from 2 PP, LCol Hap Stutt of the Battle School, LCol Dave Martin from CFB Petawawa, and Maj Dave Pentney from 2 CDO. The party continued until the wee hours, and was enjoyed by the guests and the St-Bruno mosquitoes alike.

On a sadder note, Quebec Region Patricias were called upon in August to organize and conduct the funeral ceremonies for Brigadier de Lalanne. These events are covered elsewhere in this magazine; suffice it to say that every effort was made to ensure that this widely-loved Old Soldier was given the respectful tribute he deserved.

THE FALL SEASON

The autumn's activities started off with our usual Meet and Greet in September, and true to form, the new arrivals were treated to all sorts of war stories about taxes, sign laws, and Death Race 2000 (the highway between St-Bruno and St-Hubert). In addition to the normal Patricia crew, this event saw a good turnout from our extended-family members, including LCol Ron Gillespie (ex Maint O, 3PP) and Maj Bill Maclellan (Cyprus Padre).

We next got together for the East-West (RCR vs PPCLI) football game and the French Grey Cup. The former saw a fired-up PPCLI team defeat the Royals 7-0, as Capt "Crazy Legs" Giraldeau came out of his Broom-i-loo slump to score the game's only touchdown.



East-West Game—Even the Blockers can't keep up with Ted!

The French Grey Cup, in what has become an instant tradition, was a family affair with chili courtesy of Jill and Capt Phil Cook and organizational skills provided by Nancy Stevens. A huge crowd of rug-rats was assembled to view the main event, but without enough NCOs for a proper challenge, we had to resort to picking teams. CWO Garry Stevens was obviously the worst judge of horseflesh as his Yellow Squad, quarterbacked by MWO Al Comeau, was soundly trounced by the Red side.



French Grey Cup Why are these men so clean?

On the same day but many miles away, Capt Ian Creighton and your author defended the Regiment's honour at the US Marine Corps Marathon. So far the Marines haven't volunteered to run another race against us, so we must have scared them.

Our 1988 schedule was capped off with a Christmas dinner at a local restaurant (no more Sudden Mess Bill Shock). The turnout was near 100 percent and with everyone discussing plans for the future (specifically, how to snivel our way to Calgary for the 75th Anniversary celebrations) and hopes for what Santa Claus would bring (a posting message) it was an enjoyable evening and a fitting finish to a good year.

IN MEMORIAM

Maj Bill Legget, a long-serving Patricia who transferred to the Canadian Scottish Regiment on retirement, passed away in June after a brief illness. Bill was working at FMC Headquarters at the time and he will be remembered by all of us for his devotion to duty, his unflagging interest in all facets of the profession of arms and above all for his sense of humor and his love of a good story. He will be missed.

FUNERAL OF BRIGADIER J.A. DE LALANNE

Brigadier (Ret) J.A. de Lalanne, CBE, MC, OStJ, ED; Vice-patron of the PPCLI, died on 12 August 1988 after a long illness. He was 91.

Funeral services were held at Westmount Park United Church, with the interment at Montreal's Mount Royal Cemetery. FMC Command Padre, LCol Bill Fairlie, presided. Because of his distinguished war record and the deep attachment he showed throughout his life to the regiment, Brigadier de Lalanne was buried with full military honours.



Casket arrives at the Church

A fifty-man honour guard from 2 CDO, under the command of Capt Peter Barlett, accompanied the casket on the funeral procession and fired a rifle volley at the grave site. The R22eR Band led the procession, an 5e RALC fired an 11 gun salute from Westmount Park as the casket left the church. The procession was commanded by LCol Shaun Tymchuk, with CWO John Clarke acting as RSM.



Pallbearers from 1 PPCLI

The honorary pallbearers were led by LGen A.J.G.D. de Chastelain, and included three other serving Patricias—MGen K.R. Foster, BGen G.M. Reay and BGen R.S. Graham—and four retired members—MGen G.G. Brown, BGen C.B. Snyder, BGen R.C. Coleman and Col W.B.S. Sutherland.

Quebec Region Patricias took on most of the other funeral duties with LCol Ray Romses acting as Assisting Officer to the family and Capt Tony Kaduck taking care of funeral administration. Ushers and other assistants included Majs Les Bailey and Bob Thompson; Capts Ian Creighton, Ted Gieraldeau, Kurt Fredrickson and Steve Dunn; CWO Garry Stevens, MWO Al Comeau and MCpl Dan Ferron.



The Funeral Procession



MCpl Salmon and 2 CDO Honour Guard

THE FRENCH GREY BATTALION— 1988

by Capt J.M. Turner

The French Grey Battalion is alive and well and continues to thrive at the Combat Training Center and CFB Gagetown. Our strength of 96 all ranks augmented by a sizeable contingent of "on course" Patricias (most of whom are now gym staff) establishes the French Grey as the largest concentration of Patricias east of Winnipeg.



WOs Vardy and McKinley talking about the good life in Gagetown



"Just because you have more hair than me..."

As in the past, the highlight of the annual social calendar was without doubt, the Regimental Day celebrations held this year on the weekend following 17 March. Capt Bob Gallant led a party of Patricias from CFRS/CFB Cornwallis and joined us in time (was there any doubt) for a very successful Meet and Greet on the Friday evening. Saturday's activities commenced with an all ranks muster parade at which time CWO Hamilton, as RSM, read messages from the Colonel-in-Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment and several others originating from around the country (read Capt Keith MacDonald) exhorting the officers to victory in the forthcoming Broom-i-loo matches. History will report a spirited (read noisy) effort from an experienced (read aging) WOs and SNCOs team in a 1-10 loss to the Officers team. Sadly, the Officers team had its share of old-timers (LCol Dallison and Capt Parent) and was trounced by a Cpl and Pte team lead by Cpl Jones. The day's activities concluded with an excellent dinner and dance at the local legion (courtesy of the efforts of Capt Kroone, WOs Maloney and Mole) which combined to honour the retirement of MWO Jack Paul after 33 years of service to the Regiment.

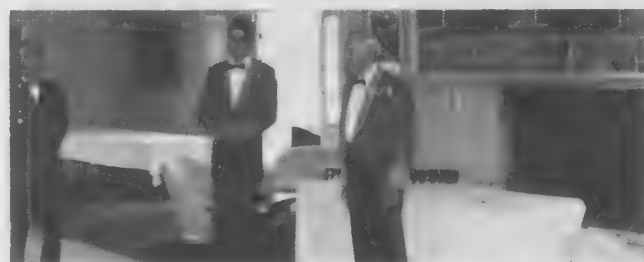
On 25 April, the officers sat down to a Korean fare luncheon organized by Capt Jim MacDonald. In addition to the regular crew, the lunch was attended by Mr. Jamie Reid (Past President of the Maritime Branch of the Patricia Association) who joined 2 PPCLI in Korea as a reinforcement shortly after Kapyong and by BGen MacKenzie who had only just been posted in as Area Senior Patricia (Comd CTC is actually a secondary duty...)



Kapyong Luncheon

On 15 July, all ranks gathered to bid farewell to Patricias posted out, to welcome those newly posted in and also to honour the retirements of LCol Dallison and WO Max Maloney. LCol Dallison had begun a second career with the Emergency Measures Organization in Fredericton and has been replaced as CO French Grey Battalion by Maj Schutte. WO Maloney has returned to Newfoundland where he plans to relax, do some fishing and build his retirement home.

BGen (ret'd) RS Graham, CD made his first official visit to CTC as Colonel of the Regiment during the period 9-14 August. Two of the highlights of his visit included a luncheon during which BGen Graham was able to speak with and address all ranks of the French Grey and the Phase IV badging ceremony at which time the Colonel of the Regiment welcomed 17 new officers to the Patricias.



Capt Bell wishes he had remembered the had badges

After summer leave, the Infantry School resumed high gear with the whole gambit of advanced courses and many old acquaintances were renewed as Patricias began to arrive in mass. Of particular note, Sgt McClinchey of 1 PPCLI and Sgt Green of 2 PPCLI, received "A" grades on the Advanced Pioneer Course; MCpl Morris of 1 PPCLI places first on his Small Arms Instructors Course; and WO McArdle of 2 Cdo placed second on Level Two of the Advanced Mortar Course. Other notable Patricia accomplishments throughout the year included: "A" grades earned by WO McNaughton of the Infantry School and Sgt Clarke of 2 Cdo on QL7 and QL6B courses respectively; a CDS commendation to Cpl Patterson for actions he took in saving the life of a victim of a serious motor vehicle accident; and the first, second and third place finishes of Pte Harvey, Cpl Hitchcock and Cpl Burns respectively in the Infantry School annual small bore rifle competition.

At the time of writing, Capt Mick Slater RAR and his wife Trish and family are preparing to return to the land down under and will be sadly missed. Their replacements, Capt Anthony Blumer RAR and wife Ann have just arrived and are busy acclimatizing.

All ranks of the French Grey wish everyone all the best for 1989 and encourage all those on course in Gagetown (or those simply vacationing in Oromocto) to come out and support the French Grey Battalion. VP



Cpl Napier telling Cpl Vaughan about his contract talks with the Leafs



Maj Ray depressed to see someone shorter than himself leaving the Regiment



A typical day at J-1



CO and WO Boyle both looking pleased reference WO Boyle's posting



Cpl Hiscox prepares to leave—its his round



Another wild Friday afternoon at the Red Sash



LCol Dallison retires



Unidentified woman asks Australian Exchange Officer to keep both hands on the table



A CDS Commendation winner looking modest



A student debrief



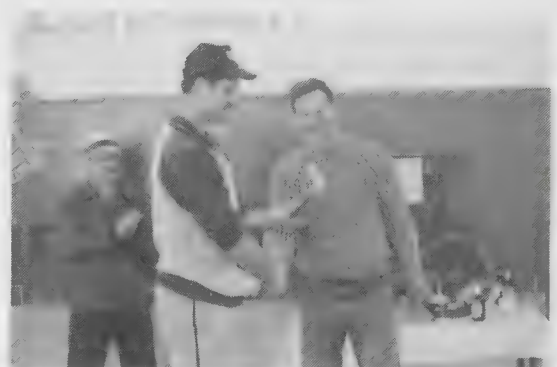
The French Grey bids farewell to MWO Paul



The calm before the storm



WO Thompson doing trial on new CF disruptive pattern sweater



Cpl Jones representing the Champion Cpl/Pte Broom-i-loo squad



A talented Officers Broom-i-loo Team



The Rat Pack

SAINT MARY'S BAND

by Capt P.A.. Rechner

1988 in Gagetown was also uncharacteristically significant for the Patricias in New Brunswick by allowing us to witness the official recognition on the part of the Regiment for the affiliation of the Saint Mary's Band of Saint John with the PPCLI. The ceremony was held in Saint John on 20 August at which the Colonel of the Regiment presented a Regimental scroll to the band recognizing their affiliation and past service with the PPCLI. The Saint Mary's Band, in turn, showed this appreciation by donating to the Regiment the one and only original "Sheet" drum still in their possession that survived service in France during WWI.

The Saint Mary's Band is one of the most active civilian bands in New Brunswick with a distinguished history dating well back into the last century. Recent research has established that it has an interesting affiliation with the PPCLI which had, unfortunately, been somewhat neglected with interest by the band's executive to renew this affiliation which began during the Colonel-in-Chief's tour of the Maritimes in July 1983.

The history of the Saint Mary's Band goes back to the Boys' Brigades in Saint John but it was not until 1903 that the Boys' Brigade began training as a band and received its present name as the band of Saint Mary's Anglican Church.

During WWI the Saint Mary's Band, under the leadership of the Bandmaster, Charles Henry Williams, enlisted en masse in January 1916—a point of particular pride. They went overseas with the New Brunswick 140th Battalion and when this battalion was broken up, the members of Saint Mary's Band were TOS to the PPCLI as a group on 25 November 1917. They joined the Regiment on the battlefields of France and served heroically as carrying parties and stretcher bearers in the line, suffering one killed and two wounded.

Unfortunately, it was the Bandmaster, L/Sgt Williams, who suffered fatal wounds at Rilloy on 28 September 1918. He died later while under the care of his sister, Nursing Sister Edith Williams.

After CH Williams' death, the PPCLI band was given over to his brother, Harold H. Williams. It was under his direction that the band played at Princess Patricia's wedding.

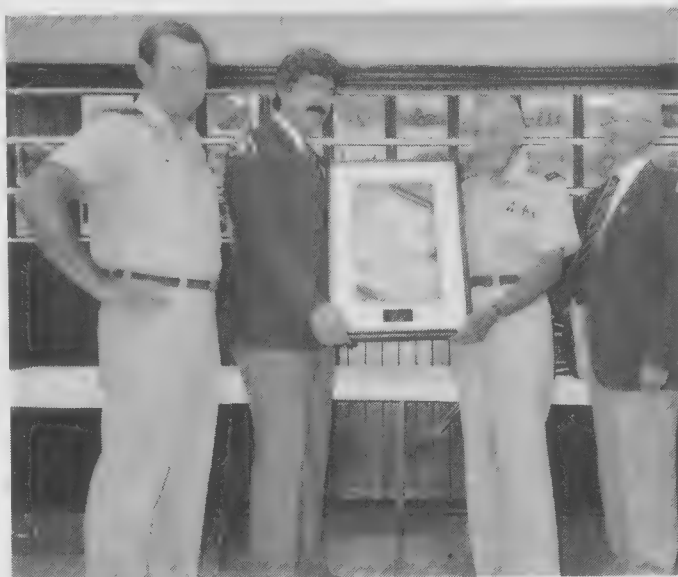
When the Regiment returned to Canada after the war, the PPCLI band was disbanded and the Saint Mary's Band was reformed, mostly from former Patricias and original members of the band who had served in other units during the Great War.

Then WWII broke out, the band enlisted again—this time under the leadership of Bandmaster H.E. Wilson, another former Patricia. It served with a local Artillery Reserve Unit with which it maintained a connection until the 1960's when the number of military bands was reduced.

However, in recent years, under the guidance of Bandmasters John R. Winchester and now, Bruce R. Holder, the band is returning to a position of strength.

The French Grey Battalion is now maintaining a close and growing relationship with the Saint Mary's Band largely due to the dedicated effort of LCol (ret'd) Robert L. Dallison which paved the way for the renewal of the band's affiliation with the Regiment.

The Saint Mary's Band is now the unofficial band of the French Grey Battalion and proudly wears the PPCLI Regimental tie as a sign of its long-standing ties to the PPCLI dating back to WWI. All members of the band are looking forward to taking part in the 75th Anniversary celebrations.



Colonel of the Regiment presents the scroll to Band President, Walter Williams while BGen MacKenzie and Bandman Charles Williams look on.



Bandman Charles Williams presents the 'Sheet' Drum to Colonel of the Regiment while Band President, Walter Williams and BGen MacKenzie look on.



RAMSEY'S SERGEANT-MAJOR

Patricia Ramsey found her man
 A staunch and broaden lad
 Who's filled with vim and vigour
 Whose life is all she had

A robust man that's standing tall
 And straight and keen and neat
 Whose skills are tops in all he does
 From the ranges to marching feet

His boots are gleaming in the sunlight
 His puddies are starched and tight
 He never misses a cue or line
 Or anything in his sight

He sends chills down the soldiers spine
 When he calls them out by name
 They're rough and tough
 And know their stuff
 They know the soldiers game
 And yet he wears a soft side
 For the meek who try real hard
 To find a better way for them
 To meet the challenges far

This man of skill whose name is known
 Throughout the soldiered ranks
 You can always find this Ramsey man
 Amongst the APCs and tanks

He takes the young ones to the side
 And lifts their spirits high
 And toughens up the meekest man
 Or sends them home to cry

On the drill square tall and lean
 This man shouts to all
 And heads and eyes are poised on him
 His movements sharp and tall

He struts his stuff like a peacock
 A leader for all to see
 He wears his rank upon his arm
 The best that he can be

A proud rank he holds for the Lady
 To teach skills to you and me
 The Sergeant-Major in our midst
 From Our Lady Patricia Ramsey



CANADIAN FORCES RECRUIT SCHOOL CORNWALLIS

1988 was a vintage year for all Patricias at CFRS Cornwallis (The Patricias of the East). This year saw many new faces arriving and many old friends leaving to all regions of the country. Those who left were MWO Lovett (3 PPCLI), Sgt Steele (1 PPCLI), Sgt Tombu (3 PPCLI), Sgt Bailey (1 PPCLI) and Sgt Carr (LOTP). The new Patricias posted in to fill the gaps were WO Randy Northup and Sgt Ernie Mugford, both from CFE. At present the Patricias are still well represented by twenty-two members.

Throughout the year many well deserved promotions were presented that showed that, although serving outside the Battalions, you are never forgotten. The following Patricias are congratulated on their new rank, MWO Lovett G, Sgt Decoste JM, Sgt Rochon JF, Sgt MacIsaac JH, Sgt Lewis KL and Sgt Gentes PB.

End of an Era

1988 at CFRS saw an end of an era when the oldest serving Patricia, Sgt Newfie Best took his retirement after thirty-six years of dedicated and loyal service to the Regiment. His friendship and the Esprit de Corps will be missed by every Patricia who had the privilege to know him and we all wish him well.

On the 17th of March, many of the Patricias of Cornwallis travelled to CFB Gagetown to enjoy the Celebration of our regimental holiday. We were all well hosted and are eagerly looking forward to attending the celebrations in 1989.

On the 10th of August, all Patricias paraded and our regimental flag was raised over CFB Cornwallis for the day. The honour of raising the flag went to our Senior Serving Patricia at CFRS, Sgt Newfie Best and Pte(f) Petruzzese, the first of the PPCLI CREW.

Patricias Again Show Their Marksman Skills

On the 30th of November 1988, CFRS held their annual Senior NCO/Officer shoot. Unknown to the officers but possibly known to the senior NCOs, a ringer was posted into CFRS Cornwallis this summer in the form of WO RA Northrup. Using the 9mm and the SMG, he easily achieved the high score in both classes of weapons, locking down the high aggregate score for the days' shoot. This assisted the remainder of the senior NCOs to put the Ky Bosh on the officers for yet another year.

As this article was being prepared, the Career Manager, CWO Arndt, accompanied by Capt Borchert, made their post-Christmas visit to CFRS. For some he brought presents, like a posting to Victoria, and some others not to be named, got a piece of coal. But overall, they managed to keep the moral at a high level by promising not to tell how good we have it at CFRS.

Finally, all Patricias here at CFRS want to congratulate our Senior Patricia at Cornwallis, Major Gallant, on his recent promotion and wish him well on his posting in February to RSS Thunder Bay.



Sgt 'Granville' Best receiving his retirement certificate from the Base Commander, Colonel LJ Noiles, CD, for 36 years of service.



Warrant Officer 'Deadeye' Northrup receives his trophy from the Commandant of CFRS Lieutenant Colonel EP Ring, CD, for the highest aggregate score during the Senior NCO/Officer Shooting Competition.

MANITOBA & NORTH WESTERN ONTARIO BRANCH

Norm McCowan - Past President

We welcome 2 PPCLI back to Winnipeg. Their cooperation and support and also the staff at the Officers' Mess greatly contributed to the success of our Annual Dinner and Dance in October. It is unfortunate that only a third of our Branch members attended. We were pleased that Jimmy Vaughan was able to attend—he may be frail but his mind and powers of recall are the very best.

We always pay tribute to the dead but I feel that an occasion has arrived when tribute should be paid to a living person. No L104095 L.L. "Bing" Cosford, served with us in Italy and saw fit to rejoin the Regiment in peacetime. He died December 2, 1988. While serving he suffered an accident which left him a paraplegic. To make a long story brief, he and his nurse at Deer Lodge Hospital were married. She took him to the farm where her family lived in Arborg, Manitoba. There, with suitable accommodation and a car with built-in facilities to lift him in and out, and the full support of her family, his life was as pleasant as possible under the circumstances. His wife, Dagmar 'Jo' Cosford nee Johannesson, gave over forty years of her life to his care and I feel she richly deserves a tribute from all of us.

Remember our meetings are at the WOs' and Sgts' Mess at Kapyong Barracks on the fourth Wednesday of every month, except for July, August and December. We love to have visitors.

2901 ESTEVAN (ELKS) PPCLI CADET CORPS

As the people of Estevan enjoyed the annual Santa Claus parade, the young members of the Army Cadet Corps proudly accepted the Regimental trophy for most efficient corps affiliated to the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI). This is the third year running that the Estevan cadets have won this award.

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Capt Mike Lawless presents the PPCLI Cadet Efficiency Trophy to the Senior Cadet WO Jensen

There are ten cadet corps affiliated with the PPCLI in Western Canada. The judging is conducted by the Regimental Headquarters staff based upon the annual efficiency reports submitted by the Area Cadet Officers in each of the provinces. The Estevan Corps had an 85.5% efficiency rating.

The presentation of the PPCLI trophy took place in the Elks hall on 3 December 1988 after the parade. Capt Mike Lawless, the former Area Cadet Officer, presented the trophy to Cadet W.O. Jensen.

Mr Jim Hayward, secretary of the Saskatchewan PPCLI Association, presented a \$100.00 cheque to the corps on behalf of the Regiment.



Mr Jim Hayward presents \$100.00 to Cadet Hallberg on behalf of the PPCLI. LCol Bannatyne is at the extreme left.

WO Jim Clare, the Area Cadet Instructor, presented the corps with a copy of "Once a Patricia".

Following the presentation the cadets were guests at lunch with the Elks. The host of the luncheon was LCol (ret'd) A.C. Bannatyne, who served with the South Saskatchewan Regiment until its reduction to nil strength. LCol Bannatyne is the local sponsor's representative to the Estevan Army Cadet Corps.

The Estevan cadets can be most proud of their achievements. The PPCLI will celebrate its 75th Anniversary in 1989 and it is hoped that this corps will join the Regiment in Calgary for the three day celebration next August.



WO Jim Clare gives a copy of "Once a Patricia" to Cadet Hallberg as LCol Bannatyne and members of the corps gather round.

THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS



THE LIGHT DIVISION DEPOT WINCHESTER

The Depot has continued with its role of producing trained soldiers from recruits and the historic cycle continues. That cycle includes the inevitable complaints from battalions that the recruits are not sufficiently well trained and complaints from the Depot that the recruiting offices are not producing sufficiently good raw material. And in line with a tradition of many years standing, we have been reorganizing our programmes to produce a "better" package. It was ever thus and doubtless our successors in the years to come will do exactly the same.

In amongst this somewhat cynical view, there are some detectable changes. First, the quality of recruits is slowly dropping as the available pool of manpower within the country as a whole reduces by 30%. Known as the demographic trough, it is a reflection of a lowering of the general desire of the population to procreate some 16 years ago.

As to the quality of the recruits, we would not like to think that the standard is any different, but there are problems and the most obvious is the length of training time allowed. This has steadily been reduced over the past few years to save money; the effects inevitably have been the production of a less mature and resilient soldier than in the past. This has affected particularly the junior soldiers who have a much greater distance to go in terms of maturity from joining at the tender age of sixteen until their arrival in the battalion only 9 months later.

The third change stems from the reduction in training times and therefore a need to try to optimize the limited time and resources available. It has been an uphill battle but it now appears that our voice has been heard. There are currently proposals from MOD to increase the teaching time for the Common Military Syllabus from 8 to 10 weeks and a further increase in the Infantry Special to Arm syllabus by an as yet unspecified amount.

As to the year itself, the Depot found in itself the centre of national attention after the Ballygawley Bus Bombing of 1 LI when 8 off-duty soldiers were tragically killed by a car bomb when their civilian bus passed by as it returned them from leave to their base at Omagh. The use of the Depot as a home base took some of the pressure off an operational battalion who could have done without excessive media attention. Few seemed to notice some of the television pictures which showed the guard on the Depot being provided by the blue berets of Army Air Corps!

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The general flow of visitors has decreased now that the initial rush to see the new barracks is over. Visitors have ranged from the crew of HMS Alacrity, who came to play sport, to the Mayor of Corunna who displayed an embarrassing degree of knowledge about our regimental history. In June, His Royal Highness Prince Faisal bin Abdullah bin Addul Azziz el Saud was attached to the Depot for a three week period to gain some basic military knowledge and see the way in which we operate. There was some initial apprehension on our part that he would lose interest before the final day of the programme but the visit proved to be a great success, with the Prince even agreeing to leave an aeroplane and free fall from 13,000 ft, attached to Cpl Skelley and accompanied by Major Nigel Jackson (both of 1RGJ and serving at the Depot).

The Depot has continued to demonstrate its versatility at Sport and this year have become the Army Major Unit Cricket Champions. This was no mean achievement because, although with the recruits we are about the size of a battalion, for sporting purposes we can effectively draw only from the permanent staff. This makes us a minor unit and the pool of men is approximately 135. The Depot also won the South East District squash league and championships.

During the course of the year we have bade farewell to Capt Nick Carter, the Adjutant, who has gone into the ADC world and is replaced by Capt Nick Haddock who has already been Adjutant of 1RGJ. Major Mark Kitchen has taken over A Company, Major Richard Carrow has taken over B Company and Major Andy McGrigor has arrived in HQ Company while Major Jamie Athcill has gone to Staff College. On the subaltern side, we have welcomed Mark Cornell, Patrick Suanders, Tony Bloomer and Tom Thicknesse and despatched Nich Trustram-Eve, Angus Watson, Bill Cooper, and Peter Eadie back to their battalions. Major Nigel Jackson (Depot 2ic and author of this report) leaves the Depot and the Army at the end of the year to take up commercial flying.

1ST BATTALION COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL D.H. GODSAL, MBE

The close of 1987 saw 1RGJ on block leave following our second short notice Northern Ireland tour in two years. On returning to BAOR in January we found that we faced the enormous task of training the Battalion in mechanized warfare in six months so that we could go to BATUS on exercise in June. EXERCISE MEDICINE MAN has been the highlight of the year and everything we did up until July was geared to ensuring we had a successful exercise in Canada. In the course of six months we went to Soltau for the only Battle Group training period we were to get before embarkation, took part on two CPXs, ran Mortar, Antitank and Recce Platoon cadres, converted the Battalion to the new SA80 rifle, had a weeks firing on THE ALMAS ranges, went to Battle Group Trainer twice and saw the Mortar and Recce Platoons successfully complete special to arm concentrations. Thus prepared, we embarked for Canada in mid-June.

We had a very successful exercise in Canada, largely because of our relative inexperience in mechanized warfare. This meant that, unlike experienced Battle Groups, our learning curve was very steep and we gained enormously

from the freedom of maneuver that Suffield allows as well as the very helpful and constructive advice of the BATUS staff. We returned from Canada, not only having had great fun, but confident in our abilities as a mechanized unit. The hospitality received from our Canadian friends was appreciated enormously by both officers and riflemen.

After BATUS we went on three weeks leave before coming back for a period of reorganization and rationalization. A large number of cadres are now being run from driving and signals cadres to the first JNCOs cadre we have been able to hold for two years. As many people as possible are being sent away on courses. In the middle of all this the Rifle Companies are carrying out a number of statutory commitments such as nuclear site guards, escape and evasion hunter forces, Battlefield simulation trials and border patrols. All these activities are aimed at ensuring that the Battalion has a high level of individual skills which will act as a firm foundation when we start collective training again next year.

Despite the intensity of training we have still managed to fit in a series of other activities. The Officers Mess managed to host a Ball this year in which we renewed an old Regimental acquaintance with a local German family dating back to our previous tour in Osnabruck in the 1950s. We were very kindly allowed by the family to hold the ball in the grounds of their house which meant that the party had a very different atmosphere from the normal parties which are based on the Officers Mess. We held a very successful Open Day on the 12th of June at which the most popular attraction turned out to be Officers heads appearing in the stocks to that onlookers could pelt them with eggs and flour.

The year has also seen a number of visitors including the Colonel Commandant, General Sir Robert Pascoe, who visited in June and the Colonel Commandant of the Light Division, Lt General Sir Peter de la Billiere who came in October.

2ND BATTALION COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL A.M.D. PALMER

After a much needed two week break at Christmas, the Battalion returned to Warminster refreshed and ready once more for the worst the role of Demonstration Battalion could throw at it. Despite the heavy requirement the role placed upon manpower and resources, every effort was to be made in 1988 to provide opportunities for members of the Battalion to take a break from Demonstration duties. During January, over a hundred members of the Battalion went skiing in France and Italy, none broke a leg and the Riflemen were able to get to grips with the intricacies of Fondue. Meanwhile, several platoons went to Scotland to adventure train and conduct some very worthwhile—if cold—escape and evasion exercises.

Appropriately enough March saw the Inter Company March and Shoot Competition designed to assist in the selection of teams for the SW District Skill at Arms Meeting; much to the delight of Major Richard Matters, the competition was won by 'A' Company. During the same month a small group, led by Captain Carl Hunter was attached to HMS ALACRITY for a trip, via Bordeaux, to Gibraltar. Naval hospitality was overwhelming and the liberal helpings of claret and lager helped the party to overcome a gale or two

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experienced off the Spanish coast. Whatever spare time there might have been left to the Battalion in March was taken up by the demonstration of future equipment and tactics for Mobile Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT)«. Using some very original and spectacular battle effects, provided by a specialist team from Paynes Fireworks, the Demonstration, orchestrated by the Commanding Officer, was played to an audience of some 150, of whom over 28 were Brigadiers or above. In April came an exhausting team event and one in which an officer always seems to take first place but the Sergeants always wins the trophy on team placings. This year the Officers' team consisted of the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Vere Hayes; Second in Command Major Tim Corry; Captain Simon Day and assorted 'warts': Lieutenant Roger Salwey and 2nd Lieutenants Mathew Fleming, Anthony Loyd and Edward Elton. Roger Salwey, undaunted by the fact that he was to run in the London Marathon two days later, won in a record time of three hours and 21 minutes. This event was to be the Commanding Officers swan song as a week later he handed over Command to Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Palmer. After a hilarious 'This was your life' evening in the Officers Mess, Colonel Vere left to rejoin the gilded staff as Chief of Staff of 4th Armoured Division in Herford, West Germany.

Major Bob Churcher had discovered in 1987 a rewarding and cast iron method of avoiding Demonstration duties—leading an overseas adventure training expedition. He repeated this feat over the period April to May 1988 by taking a nine man party to the Annapurna area of Nepal. The party flew to Kathmandu via Dacca on the Bangladesh Bimau Airline (an adventure in itself!), then carried out a tow phase expedition. Phase One was the 120 mile Annapurna Sanctuary trek and Phase Two the Annapurna circuit trip of 200 miles, using the services of the Sherpa, Co-op Agency. The expedition was a test for all and an eye opener for many. The Expedition Report, written by Lieutenant Charlie Cracknell, contained the following paragraph:

The Expedition was a great success. All members arrived imagining themselves to be hardened, fit Infantry soldiers, able to face anything. They were rapidly disillusioned as daily walking, carrying their own pack on a diet of rice and vegetables brought them down to reality. This, coupled with mild but persistent stomach upsets and some altitude sickness, taught each their true capability and that a BFT time of eight minutes is no real indicator of physical and mental stamina.

Continuing the drift to the Far East and in the same month the Battalion Army Cricket Captain, newly promoted (!) Lieutenant Mathew Fleming, by some extraordinary feat of 'liaison' with the 'Light Blue', managed to get his platoon out to Hong Kong for two weeks. The platoon stayed with 2/2 GR and were very well looked after. They spent a considerable amount of time on the border, a task they greatly enjoyed not least because it gave them a wealth of war stories to recount in the bars of Warminster.

The hectic pace of April was followed by the beginning of the handover of our role to 1RRW (in August), but before we could tell the Phantom where to put his Bugle or Maiden her Iron, the intervening period provided us with time to continue to display the superb qualities of WARRIOR, the Mechanized Infantry Combat Vehicle, as well as retain our stanglehold on the SW District Skill at Arms Meeting (much to the chagrin of 1 D and DI). There was also time for D Company, under Major John Pentreath, to conduct a very

imaginative exercise, Exercise Delta Venture, which made us of what seemed to be most, if not all, of the Royal Naval Air Squadron Sea King helicopters from Yeovilton. The Company, using land kindly made available by Captain Willy Molesworth-St Aubyn's father, attacked ever deeper into Cornwall, finally and successfully assaulting from landing craft both St Michael's Mount and the Scilly Isles! Before handover and in July came the highpoint (or the reverse, depending upon performance) of the platoons' year, The Bramall Trophy—the annual inter platoon competition. Run by Major Johnathan Durcan, the competition took place on our 'back door training area'—Salisbury Plain and proved to be imaginative, exhausting, revealing, amusing and above all testing... just what one would expect from such a competition!

August came and the Battalion left Warminster to plaudits of a 'difficult job well done' and moved to Connaught Barracks, Dover. The somewhat joyous exodus was led by the Demonstration Officer, Major Peter Jacques, who during the journey under went a metamorphosis to appear in Dover as the Second in Command. After a period of block leave, the Battalion returned to reform from the unique establishment accorded to the Demonstration role to that of a 'Type A (SAXON) Battalion', without SAXON!

There was general agreement that the move was very beneficial: Commanders could command and the accommodation improved from a twelve man substandard room to four man flatlets. We were back to being an Infantry Battalion. There was however to be scant time for settling in, the first two weeks of October saw the Battalion change from green to orange! Acting as enemy on the Western District Home Defence exercise, Exercise Western Encounter, was given the additional spice of being able to show 2 PARA (Blue forces) a thing or two. The backdrop to September and the Home Defence Exercise had been the start of external courses for the forthcoming tour as the Lishankea Incremental Reinforcement Battalion. Our tour is due to last February to May of 1989 and we have, as this letter is being concluded, already been through the NITAT Cadres, the main recce to Femanagh has taken place and the detailed Company training is now well under way.

We look forward to our Christmas break, which is where this epistle began, and wish you all the best for 1989.

On the personality side of the battalion we have said farewell to Major Mike Edwards, OC HQ Coy, and to Major John Poole-Warren, the Training Major/2IC and have welcomed back Major Nich Mangnall as Training Major. WO1(RSM) Jones had returned to 2 RGJ and has been replaced by WO1 Cheetham from 1 RGJ. Major Tony Bradford, the QM, has left after 4 years service with 4 RGJ to go to 1 RGJ and Major Danny Hunt, from 2 RGJ, has taken over the chair.

3RD BATTALION COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL P.D. BROWNE, MBE

Hyderabad Barracks, Colchester, has been home for the Battalion since March 1987 although much time has been spent away in 1988.

We began the year with one third of the Battalion in the Falkland Islands and South Georgia as the Military Garrison, whilst the remainder carried on in Colchester. We

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provided the Castle Guard in Edinburgh throughout March which is an unusual requirement for an English Regiment to take on. The soldiers particularly enjoyed the social life this tour of duty afforded and were not put off by the statistics that Edinburgh has the highest concentration of AIDS in the British Isles.

With our Falklands and South Georgia group safely home, Lt Col Andrew Pringle handed over Command to Lt Col Peter Browne. We then embarked on the serious business of training ourselves for the busy year ahead. As a SAXON APC equipped mechanized Infantry Battalion in 19 Infantry Brigade our wartime deployment takes us to the forward area in West Germany. Much time is taken up training our drivers, commanders and soldiers in the skills and drills of mechanized warfare. In addition, as a UK based Battalion we are involved in overseas tours on standby for world-wide deployment. These duties on the 'SPEARHEAD' roster involve considerable preparation of equipment and some specialized training for Northern Ireland. This latter requirement we completed in May during two weeks on the South Coast at Hythe and Lydd Ranges.

In May, "R" Company enjoyed the mountains in Spain and had a chance to visit the Peninsula battlefield at Vitoria. June saw the Battalion deployed on Salisbury Plain for two weeks on SIMEX 88. This exercise was show piece in battle simulation designed to convince the powers-that-be of the importance of realistic training using electronic simulators. We provided an enemy company and all the observer/controllers.

On 1 July we said farewell to our retiring Colonel Commandant, General Sir James Glover, and welcomed in our new one, Lieutenant-General Edward Jones. It was General Jones' former ADC who co-led an ambitious Regimental diving expedition to Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean to dive on the wreck of the RIMS WARREN HASTINGS which sank in 1896 with the Regimental Silver of 2 KRRC. The located the wreck in shallow water and were able to conduct a search of the area over four weeks which sadly failed to bring up any items of value. Many interesting pieces of wreckage were found which were brought back and will eventually be on display in the new museum in Winchester to be opened in 1989.

In August and September the Battalion exercised in Canada at Wainwright. It was on this exercise that we were able to renew our Canadian alliances to the full. Lt Col Vince Kennedy, commanding 1 PPCLI Calgary (a former exchange officer with this Battalion) gave great assistance particularly in the form of his 'C' Company, commanded by Major Wayne Ramsden, who were an excellent enemy force for our final exercise. 'C' Company entered a team in our inter-platoon competition and did very well. Our Buglers, under Bugle Major Lyons, were able to blow at the PPCLI Battle School passing out parade in Wainwright and the Recce Platoon attended a mountain warfare cadre run by 1 PPCLI in the Rockies. Whilst in Wainwright we were able to make contact with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles in the form of Major Dennis Puranen who was also in Wainwright for the Militia concentration. And this same event provided the opportunity to meet up with the Royal Regina Rifles led by their Commanding Officer Lt Col Randy Brooks. We were delighted to have one of their young officers, Lt Colin King, attached to our 'B' Company for two weeks. Finally, Colonel Ernie Wesson of the British Columbia Regiment (Duke

of Connaught's Own) arranged for a joint expedition along the old Hudson's Bay Company Fur Trail in the wilder regions of the Rocky mountains. We were very pleased to be able to renew our contacts with our Canadian friends and, as ever, their hospitality knew no bounds. We are pleased to report that Capt Harry Emck, our late Antitank Officer, has since joined 1 PPCLI as the current exchange officer.

In the summer we held a sounding retreat in aid of Prince Philips' appeal for Commonwealth ex-Servicemen. This gave us the opportunity to welcome some of our retired colleagues living in East Anglia and we were delighted to see a few members of our former Affiliated Regiments, particularly a contingent from the Kings African Rifles.

No sooner were we back from Canada than we departed again for Salisbury Plain on the Brigade exercise. This included an inter-Platoon competition to test fitness and navigation with each Battalion in the Brigade staking its reputation on the result. Unfortunately we narrowly missed first place but eight of our nine Platoons were in the first ten places. The main exercise allowed us to use our "swift and bold" approach to soldiering in the SAXON APCs to good effect. We were able to show the rest of the Brigade the flexibility and success one can achieve quickly with a well rehearsed Battle Group using the ethos of mission orders. Running at the same time as this exercise we were guarding civil prisoner for the Home Office in Rolleston Camp. This former Army Camp on Salisbury Plain had been turned into a temporary civil prison to cope with overcrowding in the jails. However, the Riflemen enjoyed the change.

As 1988 draws to a close we can reflect on a very busy year which also gave us some notable successes. Our Boxers won the Army Novices Championships, we achieved success in Athletics, tennis, hockey, cross country running and Nordic skiing, and our snipers were the best in the Infantry at the UKLF concentration.

Sadly, we have not managed to see much of our Gurkha Allied Regiments in 1988 despite 6th QEO Gurkhas being in UK at the same time. And we are sorry that our scheme to take Capt Indraprasa Gurung BEM, currently the 2nd Goorkha's Queen's Gurkha Orderly Officer, to Canada with us came to nothing as his Royal duties took precedent (hardly surprising!). We shall just miss the return to UK next spring of 1st/2nd KEO Goorkhas as we depart for two years in Gibraltar in March. To all friends and colleagues in our Affiliated and Allied Regiments across the world, we send our warm wishes for success in 1989.

4TH BATTALION COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL N.A. JOHNSON, TD

After the relaxation of Christmas Leave, the Battalion was confronted with the annual PRE inspection in January which required an immense amount of hard work but also meant that little training was achieved. However, in February, the Battalion held a mobilization weekend on Salisbury Plain—the first time the battalion has carried out such an exercise for number of years. There was an excellent turnout for this weekend and everyone had to pass through a number of stands medical, documentation and pay before moving onto training stands. The exercise finished with a night march followed by a company march and shoot com-

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petition and this was all excellent preparation for the annual Courage Trophy competition which is held at Pirbright in March. Each company entered a team and all acquitted themselves well, all teams finishing in the first 15 out of a total of 37 entries.

In May, for the first time, 4 and 5 RGJ held a joint Rifle Meeting at Pirbright, which proved to be an enormous success and the same event will take place next year. Not only did it bring the two Battalions together, but it also allowed for a large number of ranges to be run with a full complement of staff.

At the end of June the Battalion participated in the annual 56 London Brigade exercise, again on Salisbury Plain. All the TA elements of the Brigade were represented, including the newly formed 8 Queens Fusiliers, with their Headquarters at Clapham, 10 Para, 221 Field Ambulance and the Transport Regiment. It was an extremely busy weekend involving digging a defensive position, a night approach march, recce patrols and an early morning deliberate attack and, as always, the riflemen excelled themselves.

One of the major events this year has been the success of the Battalion Shooting Team. Under the eternal leadership of CSgt Wiggins, the team won the London District Rifle Meeting for the first time in 17 years. Hopes were justifiably high for the TA Bisley meeting the result was incredibly close right up to the last moment when we were just pipped into second place. However we won a number of individual events, including Cpl Savides winning the SMG and Rfn Ulmann got creditably winning the young soldiers competition. The dedication and spirit of all those involved in the shooting team, and the young blood coming up, augurs well for next year.

The second half of the year proved to be as busy, if not busier, than we had predicted. In early August a composite company of 120 men visited Cyprus for a 2 week camp. In a heat of 96 degrees in the shade, riflemen exercised every day on ranges and the dry training areas and it was to their immense credit, and in particular their fitness, that there were no major medical problems. Watermanship training—swimming, canoeing, sailing and water skiing!—took place frequently and the camp ended with a 36 hour exercise which tested everybody to the limit. We received enormous help from Land Forces HQ at Cyprus, in particular Colonel Nigel Mogg, a previous Commanding Officer of 4 RGJ, and 2nd Bn the coldstream Guards whom we had come to know well in London District and their assistance in every way made all the difference to the Cyprus camp. 2 weeks of well deserved leave was then taken and the Battalion then embarked on civilian ferries to the Isle of Man for the main annual camp.

This camp took the form of individual cadres for the first nine days, culminating in a Battalion infiltration exercise with the aim of rescuing the kidnapped “Governor”—ably played by an eminent friend of the Commanding Officer. The weather was kind to us and the camp had all the operational benefits of including a sea move, which was little different to our operational role of moving to BAOR and tested the movement staff of the Battalion.

Meanwhile, to add to an extremely busy period, the MILAN platoon spent 2 weeks at Otterburn and finished their camp with a highly successful days live firing when they achieved a most creditable 12 out of 12 hits on the moving target at a range of 1700 meters. After all the camps there

was a short period of three weeks reorganizing before the Battalion carried out BIBUA training at company level, before taking part in a two-sided FIBUA exercise with 10 PARA at Longmoor. This was a most successful exercise and proved to be the last major training event of the year but not for the Adjutant, Captain James Cunliffe, who had to face the ceremonial events of mid November.

The Battalion Livery Dinner was again held in the Clothworkers Hall and two days later the battalion was heavily involved in the Lord Mayors Parade. After years of pleading to be allowed to march at rifleman like pace, the battalion was ordered to provide a Guard of Honour of 60 on both the morning and afternoon of the inauguration. The celebrate it was also agreed that the Commanding Officer and Second-in-Command should be mounted on horses. The Normandy Band also took part in the Parade. The following day the Battalion was honoured to provide a Guard at the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph, as well as conducting our own Remembrance Service at Hanover Square and providing contingents for all our affiliated Regiments services. On top of all this ceremonial the Battalion also provided a Guard of Honour for the Lord Mayors Banquet and thus it was hardly surprising that December became a month of relaxation.

Socially, all the Training Centres have been busy but the highlight of the year was the celebration of our 21st Birthday at Davis Street. Pavement licences were obtained, stands erected and at 1930 hours on 31st March, the Normandy Band entertained a large audience to an outstanding Sounding of Retreat in Davies Street. Thereafter there were drinks/parties in the respective messes with a large Officers Mess Dance in the Drill Hall. We were greatly honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor of Westminster and Field Marshall Lord Bramall, amongst a host of other senior officers and guests.

5TH BATTALION

The 5th Battalion, the youngest and newest of our Battalions is now well established in Oxford and Buckinghamshire. The Battalion's first birthday fell on 1st January 1988. Strength on that date was just on 500, an increase of 100 since the last Newsletter.

The period has been devoted to building the structure of the Battalion organization with companies continuing the hard work of improving individual skill and minor tactics. The first Junior NCO's Cadre has been completed. Signals and support weapon courses have been run so that the Reconnaissance, Signals, Anti Tank (MILAN) and are now viable and the mortar platoon, building from scratch at Milton Keynes, is shortly to conduct its first live firing shoot.

Against this background, the Battalion has had a very busy year, but undoubtedly the highlight has been the official opening of the new TA Centre for Letter 'E' Company at Milton Keynes by HRH The Princess Royal in May 1988. The Princess inspected a guard furnished by the Letter 'E' Company commanded by Major WF Controy. The Normandy Band of the Regiment was on parade. Displays and even a visit to the Colour Sergeants store followed. It was a fitting occasion not only to mark the opening of the latest and smartest TA Centre but to crown Letter E Company's success in forming up.

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The Battalion will be fully operational in early 1990 so operation planning visits to BAOR and formation level training are filling the programme. Letter 'A' Company, still housed in temporary accommodation in High Wycombe, has provided Riflemen, NCO's and an officer for 1RGJ's exercise in Canada, supported by other companies. Many Riflemen have carried out their first parachute jump with the Light Division Free Fall Team's help. In between the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess has held their first full Summer Ball.

The culmination of the training year for any TA Battalion is the two week annual camp and this year for the first time 5RGJ went overseas to Germany, where, thanks to the superb support of the 2nd Battalion The LIGHT Infantry, and, for a week at least, of unusually benign November weather, the Battalion was put through its paces under Lt Col David Innes and the team that he has so successfully built up. Five days of fast moving, helicopter borne, day and night action in the beautiful Sauerland, near Iserlohn was followed by a well earned break before a testing and perhaps more realistic spell with the 3rd Armoured Division on exercise 'Iron Hammer'.

Though there is some time to go before the Battalion "comes of age" there can be no doubt that the volunteers of Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire are "early developers" and 5RGJ stands firmly on its own feet. We welcome visitors from our Affiliated Regiments and wish all the very best for 1989.



THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Captain J.M. Sheridan, Regimental Adjutant

1988 was Australia's Bicentennial Year and the Royal Australian Regiment was heavily involved in the nations celebrations. The two Sydney based battalions, 3 RAR (the parachute battalion) and 5/7 RAR (the mechanized battalion), contributed company contingents to the Bicentennial Military Tattoo which toured the country during the second half of the year. The massed Pipes and Drums of the Regiment also took part in every performance. Soldiers from 3 RAR were involved in various gymnastic displays and those from the Tiger Battalion formed a drill team which performed a complicated routine culminating in the throwing of bayonet tipped 7.62mm FN rifles (the L1A1) between members of the team. The Tattoo was a huge success and members of the Regiment were delighted that the PPCLI Band could also participate, further strengthening the bonds of our alliance.

The highlight of the year was the provision by the Regiment of the Royal House Guard of the Royal Residences in London and Windsor in April. The contingent was commanded by the CO of 1 RAR, Lt Col John Salter and consisted of members from every battalion. The contingent met members of the Royal Family and was hosted by the Household Division.

The close of the year marked the end of Colonel Ross Bishop's tenure as Regimental Colonel and Director of Infantry. He was presented with a mounted .303 rifle on behalf of the Regiment and the Corps. He has been succeeded by Colonel Paul O'Sullivan MBE who was previous CO of 2/4 RAR.

1st Battalion

The major event of 1 RAR's year was the activities surrounding the anniversary of the battle of Firebase Coral in South Vietnam. The Battalion was joined in its commemoration by some 200 veterans of the battle. Activities included the presentation of new Colours and the launching of a book describing the battle by noted Australian military historian and 1 RAR veteran, Lex McAuley.

The year was also notable for the Battalions's successes in shooting, winning the Royal Ulster Rifles Competition (contested by the six battalions of the RAR), the Army-wide Inter Unit Competition and achieving ten of the Top 50 shots in the Army.

2nd/4th Battalion

1988 was marked by the granting of the Freedom of the City of Townsville to 2/4 RAR. Previously granted to 2 RAR in 1971 and exercises since linking on their behalf by 2/4 RAR, The Freedom signifies the good relationship maintained between members of the Battalion and the citizens of Townsville, also home to 1 RAR.

The Battalion's participation in the Bicentennial included competing in the Great Australian Camel Race in which a rider from the Battalion won \$6000 which was donated to charity. Soldiers from 2/4 RAR were successful in representing Australia in the inaugural Regional Military Skills Competition held at the Land Warfare Centre at Canungra. The 2/4 RAR section defeated teams from Fiji, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand, the United Kingdom and the United States.

3rd Battalion

Parachute training continued during 1988 for the Battalion. Soldiers from 3 RAR completed over 6000 descents including ten company and one Battalion drop. Exchanges were conducted with 2 Para (UK) and the parachute company of 2nd/1st Battalion, the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment.

A section from the Battalion was successful in the inter-Regimental Duke of Gloucester Cup Competition and consequently the battalion was chosen to provide the team to represent Australia in the 1988 Cambrian Patrol Competition in Wales. The 3 RAR team performed creditably and were awarded a bronze medal.

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As the year concluded, the Battalion and the Regiment mourned the passing of an early CO, Colonel I.B. Ferguson, DSO, MC. The late Lt Col Ferguson commanded 3 RAR at the battle of Kapyong for which the Battalion and 2 PPCLI were awarded the United States Presidential Citation. This was the link which forged the bond between the RAR and the PPCLI.

5th/7th Battalion

Despite its heavy commitment to the Bicentennial, the Tiger Battalion still completed a full training year including participation in a computerized Command Post Exercise, company mechanized training and training at the Land Warfare Centre and the Land Command Battle School.

The Tigers were very successful on the sporting field winning the 1st Brigade competitions in Athletics, Basketball, Australian rules Football, Rugby Union (first and second grade) and Swimming.

Among the many Bicentennial activities in which the Battalion participated was the unique "Soldiers in the Rocks". One of the first areas settled in Sydney in 1788, the Rocks again resounded to the beat of soldiers' feet as members of 5/7 RAR dressed in period uniforms, patrolled the historic streets.

6th Battalion

6 RAR's training for the year was based on preparing for the two major events of 1989: Exercise CALTROP FORCE, an ABCA exercise to be held in the USA and Exercise KANGAROO — the largest held in Australia in peacetime. Training was conducted with the RAN's landing ship, HMAS Tobruk, including participating in her Operational Readiness Evaluation. The Battalion exercise culminated in a battalion night assault onto an island supported by the live firing of two field regiments and the Battalion's mortars, sustained fire machine guns and anti-armoured weapons.

As a buildup to the presentation of new Colours, 6 RAR conducted Exercise Remembrance over a six month period during which representatives of the Battalion conducted memorial services at the grave sites and memorials of all 6 RAR soldiers killed on active service. Officers and soldiers travelled across the country and were touched and gratified by the response of the next of kin. For the post Vietnam generation of soldiers, it was a sobering and proud experience.

8th/9th Battalion

Between its Bicentennial commitments, 8/9 RAR managed to sandwich a full training year with three companies deploying overseas at different times. C Company deployed as the Rifle Company guarding the RAAF Base at Butterworth, Malaysia, B Company visited Hawaii on exchange with a battalion of the 25th Infantry Division (Tropic Lightning) and finally A Company also deployed to Butterworth in December.

1988 was an important year for one member of the Battalion—the mascot, John MacArthur IV. Stan, as he is affectionately known, is a merino ram who carries the bloodlines of the original merino flock in Australia. For his loyal service, he was promoted this year to Lance Corporal.

Conclusion

As the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Royal Australian Regiment, on 23 Nov 48, fell during the 200th anniversary of the founding of Australia, celebrations were necessarily restricted. As the Regiment's first year of 'middle age', 1989 promises to be at least as intense as its predecessors and as the Regiment begins to plan its fiftieth birthday there should be many opportunities for the RAR to do its 'Duty First'.



Slouch hats replaced the more familiar bearskins as soldiers of the Royal Australian Regiment marched through the gates of Buckingham Palace in the famous guard changing ceremony that has been a tourist attraction in London for many years.



MEMORIAM

VP

SERVICE	NAME	DETAILS	DATE
WWII, RF	ABERDEEN, Gilbert L	Owen Sound, Ont	18 Jul 88
Korea	ALEXANDER, Howard	Norwich, Ont	16 Dec 87
WWII	ALLEN, Frank Moore	Winnipeg, Man	3 Dec 88
WWII	ARGUE, Robert	Brockville, Ont	16 Jan 88
WWII	BEAUDRY, Ronald E	Victoria, BC	29 Jun 88
WWI	AYLEN, Douglas Ernest	Avon Lake, Ohio	29 Jun 88
	DENEDICT, Ronald K	Waterloo, Ont	22 Sep 88
Korea, RF	BETTLE, Kenneth R	Rothsay, NB	2 Feb 88
RF	BRADBURN, RA	Cardinal, Ont	23 Jan 88
WWII	CARLSON, Alfred	Vancouver, BC	88
WWI	CARVER, Stanlet A.	Macklin, Sask	12 May 51
	CHIN, Thomas	Langley, BC	1 Oct 88
Korea	COCKRAN, Reginald	Elan Creek, Man	4 Mar 88
WWII, RF	CONNAUGHTON, Charlie	Ottawa, Ont	7 May 88
	CORMIER, RB (Tom)	Burnaby, BC	22 May 88
WWII, RF	COSFORD, Lorne Leslie	Winnipeg, Man	2 Dec 88
WWII	CUMMER, Gordon W	Carman, Man	10 May 88
WWI, WWII	de LALANNE, JA (Jimmy)	Montreal, PQ	12 Aug 88
Korea	DONALD, Arnold	New West Minister, BC	19 Nov 88
RF	DOUGHERTY, Charles L	Rocky Mountain House, Alta	86
WWII	DUSANG, Clarence	Kenora, Ont	1 Feb 88
Korea, RF	EVANS, Edward Albert	Edmonton, Alta	7 Oct 88
WWII, Korea	FORBES, Albert	Surrey, BC	29 Jun 88
WWII, RF	FORSYTH, Earle W	Kamloops, BC	30 Apr 80
WWI	FRANCIS, AM	Belleville, Ont	29 Oct 87
WWI	GOULD, James E	North Bay, Ont	11 Nov 88
WWII	GUTKNECHT, Otto George	Saskatoon, Sask	15 Sep 88
RF	HALL, Leonard	Winnipeg, Man	16 Dec 87
	HASON	Vernon, BC	21 Mar 88
WWII	HARVEY, Robert M	Neepawa, Man	88
WWII	HOFER, Edgar E	Russel, Man	10 Jun 87
RF	HOTZ, Walter F	Cooks Creek, Man	30 Apr 88
WWII	LA BOUNTY, Clarence	Oliver, BC	10 Apr 88

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SERVICE	NAME	DETAILS	
WWII	LIGERTWOOD, Frederick G	Winnipeg, Man	9 Apr 88
WWI, Korea, RF	LILLEY, CV (Vince)	Vernon, BC	23 Oct 88
WWII	LITTLE, Wilford A	Winnipeg, Man	7 Oct 88
WWII	LITWIN, Peter	Calgary, Alta	87
WWII	MADDEN, George A	Vancouver, BC	28 May 88
RF	MADER, Henry Hibert	Woodville, Ont	87
WWI	MCLAREN, John W (Jack)	Goderich, Ont	12 May 88
	MCLEAN, Cedric	Smith Falls, Ont	7 May 88
Korea	MCFARLANE, George	Carman, Man	28 Dec 87
Korea, RF	MITCHEL, Ronald	Calgary, Alta	29 May 59
Korea, RF	MITCHELL, Ronald P	Calgary, Alta	29 May 88
WWII	NEVE, James H	Winnipeg, Man	24 Nov 87
Korea	OLIVER, Allison	Calgary, Alta	14 Jun 88
WWII	RAITH, John		28 Dec 88
WWII	PRITCHETT, Allan-Snowdon	Portage la Prairie, Man	87
WWII, Korea	ROY Frederick	Chilliwack, BC	26 May 88
WWII	RYAN, Charles J	Winnipeg, Man	13 Jan 88
WWII	SALONEN, Ralph T	Kamloops, BC	4 May 88
WWII	SANDBERG, Eric	The Pas, Man	6 Oct 87
WWII	SANGSTER, Ian	San Clare, NS	19 Jun 88
WWII	SAUNDERS, Alfred	Calgary, Alta	30 Jun 88
WWII	SMALL, E Joseph	Winnipeg, Man	4 Aug 88
WWII	SMITH, Ted C	Lethbridge, Alta	31 Sep 88
WWII	STRICKLAND, Phillip W	Toronto, Ont	16 Apr 88
WWII	SUTHERLAND, FJ	Kenora, Ont	28 Nov 87
	SWANSON		
WWII	TAME, John C	Courtney, BC	Mar 88
WWII, RF	THOMPSON, Robert U	Saskatoon, Sask	27 Nov 87
Korea, RF	TURLOTTE Wally	Kelowna, BC	12 Jun 88
WWII	WAITE, WC	Kenora, Ont	26 Jun 88
RF	WALTOW, David L	North Bay, Ont	29 Oct 87
WWII	WHETTELL, George	Winnipeg, Man	4 Aug 88
WWI	WINTER, PA	Newfoundland	88



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2101	Badge, Association, Crest.....	3.10
2103	Badge, Officer (Sterling).....	25.00
2105	Badge, Officer Collar (Sterling)	33.00
2107	Badge OR Brass.....	7.50
2109	Badge OR Collar (Brass)	11.00
2110	Badge Collar OR's (Band) Brass ..	11.00
2111	Badge Helmet Plate, OR.....	6.00
2112	Badge Helmet Plate Officer	25.00
2113	Badge PPCLI Shoulder Title Brass	11.00
2114	Boot Bands.....	.80
2115	Officer Collar Badge Band Sterling	42.00
2124	Band Pugaree French Grey.....	8.00
2126	Belt CF (Green).....	7.25
2127	Beret, Belgique Style	16.95
2128	Buckles Regtl.....	8.25
21281D	Rings	1.75
2129	Buttons, Links	0.15
2130	Buttons 40L VP.....	0.30
2131	Buttons 30L VP.....	0.25
2132	Buttons 26L VP.....	0.25
2133	Buttons 20L VP.....	0.25
2137	Coin (Regtl) Numbered.....	5.00
2139	Crest Blazer Association	4.05
2140	Crest Blazer OR.....	4.65
2141	Crest Blazer Snr NCO.....	3.30
2142	Crest Blazer Officer.....	3.55
2143	Cummerbunds.....	20.00
2146	Gloves Unlined,Black (Scully)	22.00
2149	Medal: Queens Jubilee mini	8.70
2152	Medal: Centennial Mini	8.70
2154	Medal: Congo Mini	15.25
2157	Medal: Korean War Mini	9.50
2158	Medal: UN Service Korea	13.25
2159	Mini Medal Ribbon Per Inch	0.20
2161	Parade Square Markers 18x18.....	35.00
2162	Pennant	35.00
2164	Pennant Car.....	30.00
2165	Camp Flag.....	31.00

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2174	Vest Mess Kit.. Subject to Change	
2182	Ribbon: Regimental Mini per inch	0.10
2183	Ribbon: Regimental Large.....	0.15
2186	Sash: Sgt	35.00
2187	Sash: WO.....	37.00
2188	Sash: Officer Patrol	99.00
2192	Shoulder Titles CF	0.50
2193	Shoulder Titles RW	0.75
2194	Shoulder Titles WD	0.25
2197	Sword Infantry w/case.....	360.00
2199	Sword Knot/HB.....	72.00
21991	Sword Knot Scully.....	18.00
2200	Sword Belt & Sling	86.00
2201	Sword Sling	65.00
2205	Tie Regimental.....	11.90
2206	Tie VP Coronet	10.75
2207	Tie OCTP	8.50
2221	Wings Metal CF	3.75
2223	Wings Mini.....	3.75
3002	Pants Sweat Grey.....	18.35
3003	Pants Sweat Maroon.....	18.35
3004	Top Grey Crew-neck.....	15.90
3005	Top Maroon Crew-neck.....	15.90
3006	Top Sweat Grey Kangaroo	21.15
3007	Top Sweat Maroon Kangaroo	21.15
3008	T-Shirt Crest.....	6.60
3010	Shirt Child	5.95
3011	V.P. Sweater Blue & Maroon.....	26.50
30131	Wind Breakers	25.00
3014	Sweat Band, Head	2.00
3015	Sweat Band Wrist.....	2.00
3016	Cap Ball with Crest.....	4.90
4003	Book PPCLI 1914-84.....	6.25
4010	Cards Christmas Drummer Boy	1.95
4011	Cards, Xmas, Canada's Tribute.....	1.95
4012	Cards, Invitation	0.15
4026	Stationery.....	10.00
5003	Auto Badge.....	25.00
5024	Crest Jacket Cap Badge.....	2.00
5026	Decal Cap Badge (5x9).....	2.00
5028	Decal Shoulder Title R/W.....	0.20
5029	Decal Hat Badge Multi	1.00
5030	Decal VP and Coronet 5' sq.....	1.25
5031	Decal, VP & Coronet 3.5x3.5'	1.00
5034	Decal Battle Honours 9x15.5.....	5.00
5035	Decal, Battle Honours 4x2.5	1.50
5044	Jr Gen Kit Complete	31.25
5047	Key Ring VP.....	2.10
5048	Key Ring Hat Badge.....	4.60
5049	Lic Plate 75th.....	8.75
5050	Combat Belt.....	5.00
5051	Poncho Liner	24.95
5059	Ice Bucket.....	59.95
5065	Badge Collar Lapel Officer	29.95

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5069	Lapel Pin Snr NCO	13.95	6201	Decanter Whiskey.....	50.00
5073	Necklace Hat Badge Sterling	40.00	6202	Decanter Sherry	50.00
5082	Mug, Travel VP Crested	4.50	6203	Ring PPCLI	90.00
5084	Mug Pewter Hat Badge	39.40	6204	Beer Mug York.....	13.50
5101	Statuette Drummer Boy	29.55	7500	License Plate 75th	8.75
5102	Statuette Modern Soldier	39.30	7501	Decal 75th	.60
5103	Statuette WW1	39.30	7502	T-Shirt 75th White.....	6.50
5104	Statuette D/M Set	22.50	7503	Golf Shirt 75th White	14.95
5111	Plaque Regt Bronze.....	49.50	7504	Crewneck 75th White.....	14.95
5112	Plaque Regt Small	28.95	7505	Kangaroo 75th White	21.25
5119	Place Mat VP.....	4.50	7506	T-Shirt 75th Youth.....	5.95
5121	Spoon Modern Day Soldier	5.25	7507	Crewneck 75th White Youth	12.50
5122	Spoon Drummer Boy	5.25	7508	Kangaroo 75th Youth	17.50
6100	Shoulder Title Brass Old.....	5.50	7509	Lapel Pin 75th	3.50
6101	Book Vol III 1919-1957	6.25	7510	Tankard 75th.....	42.25
6102	Picture Frezenberg 8x10	0.50	7511	Coin 75th.....	6.90
6103	Picture Frezenberg 11x14	1.50	7512	Spoon 75th.....	7.35
6104	Picture Sanc Wood 8x10	0.50	7513	Belt Buckle 75th	6.50
6105	Picture Sanc Wood 11x14	1.50	7514	Pennant 75th	4.10
6106	Picture Ypres 8x10	0.75	7515	Fridge Magnet 75th	1.35
6107	Picture Ypres 11x14.....	1.50	7516	Coffee Mug Ceramic 75th	6.90
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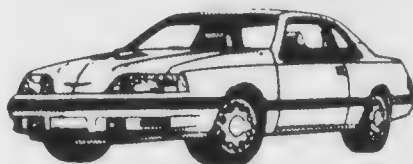
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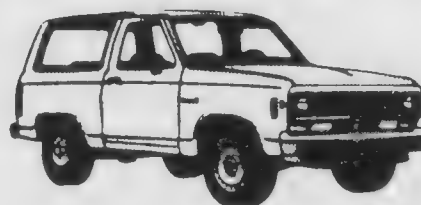
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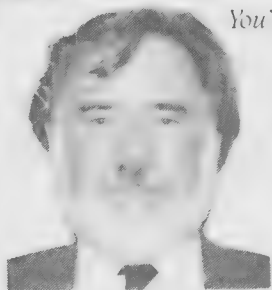
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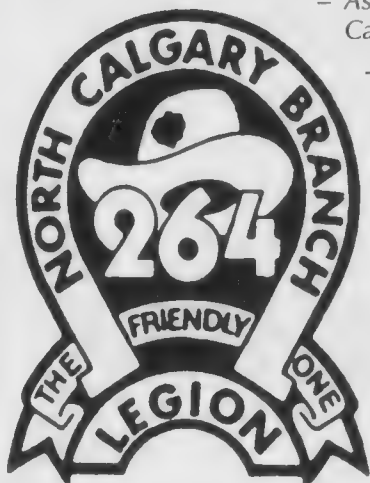
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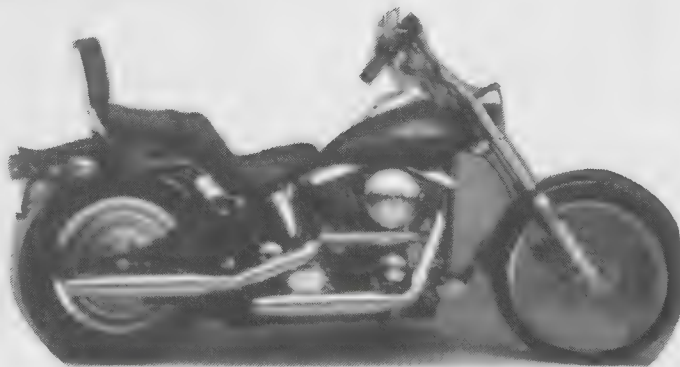
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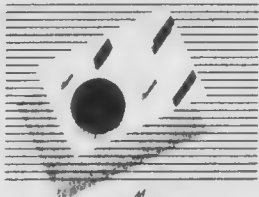
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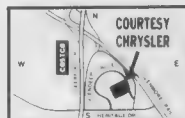
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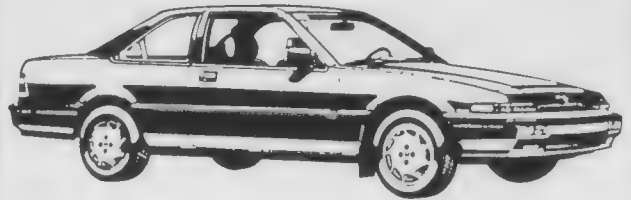


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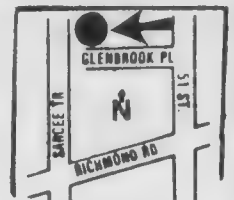
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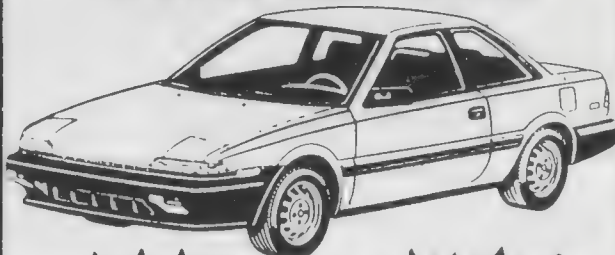
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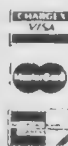


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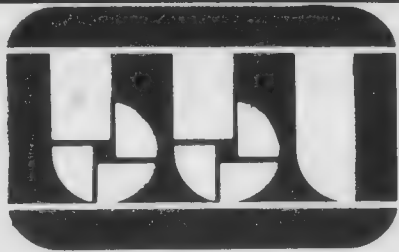
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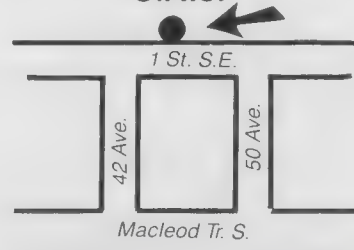


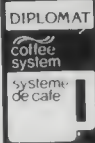
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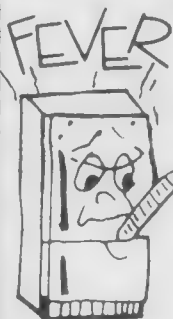
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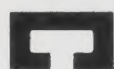


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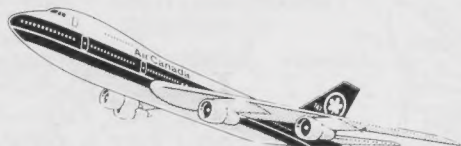
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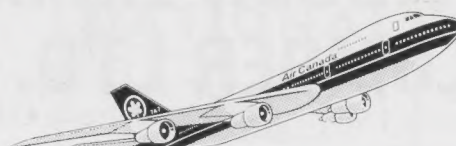


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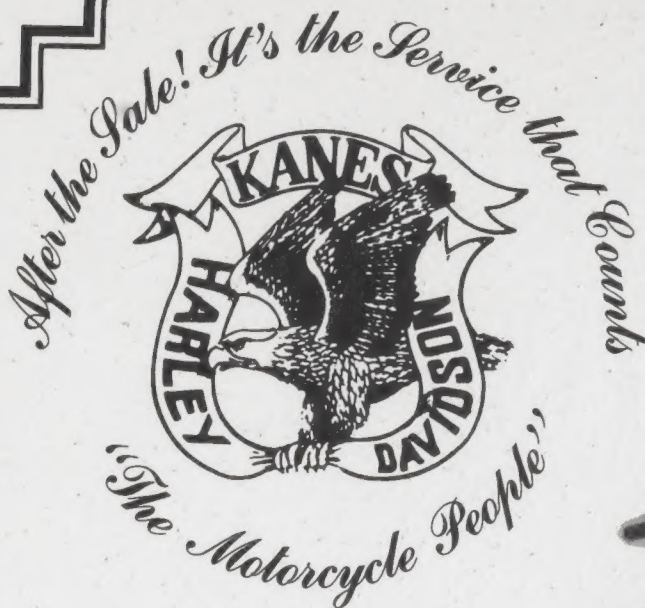
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